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Another of our Winners.

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WANTED, Palace, Reading, Good Second Violin; we will pay 30s. per week, 30s. (State age.) Commence Monday next, Sept. 22. Apply M. D.

WANTED, First-class Violin; to open at once. Terms and refs. to F. ROGERS, 1,229, Dumbarton-road, Glasgow.

WANTED, Violinist, to combine with Harp, for pictures; must be steady and reliable. R. BLEASDALE, 3, Alfred-street, Is. glon, N.

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WANTED, Good Cornet; A.M.U.; experienced; open Sept. 29; age, ref., &c. J. FIELD, M.D., Theatre Royal, Dewsbury.

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WANTED, Good Clarinet, to combine Piano; Pictures; evenings; A.M.U. terms; open all the year; references. BUSBY, 1, Edwards-street, Stockton-on-Tees.

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WANTED, Double Bass; thoroughly experienced, variety; open Monday next, Sept. 22 (Scotland). Age, refs., lowest terms, RUSSELL, 84, Addycombe-terrace, Heaton, Newcastle-on-Tyne.

WANTED, four-stringed Bass. State height, age, and salary required to MANAGER, The Palace, Wigan. Permanency to suitable man.

WANTED, Double Bass Player (A.M.U.), for the West End Playhouse, Glasgow; to open Monday, Sept. 22. Must be a first-class player. Apply T. WALKER, Musical Conductor.

GILLSMITH'S HIPPODROME, CHELTENHAM. WANTED, Double Bass, Cello, Second Violin, and Drums. Twice nightly; three matinees. Address, GILLSMITHS, I.D., 26, Imperial-square, Cheltenham.

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WANTED, Wanted, "Cello," variety. Commence at once. Wire, STEVENS, 35, Tarrington-street, Grimsby.

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WANTED, Deputy Oboe, Sept. 20 to Oct. 4, inclusive; low pitch; Pump Room, Bath. Write at once. J. R. BRAND, 12, Upwick Cottages, Old Town, Eastbourne.

WANTED, to open Monday next, first-class Oboe Bass, for Variety and Drama House. Terms and references to MANAGER, Palace, Ebbw Vale.

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WANTED, a Lady Pianist for Fit-up Tour; Lady who can understand preferred. Terms, height, references, MARK BLOW, Criterion Theatre. (Mark letters "Fit-up.")

WANTED, Pianist, Variety Bus, and Standard Overtures; open Sept. 22, twice nightly, one matinee; 21s. 6d. Also Double Drums and Tympanist used to variety, A.M.U. terms, open Sept. 29. A. BLACKBURN, Mus. Dir., Pav., Middlecote.

WANTED, to open King's Hall, Gloucester (pictures and vaudeville), Monday next, Brilliant Pianist; good references required; state salary. Write, Rea Palace, Gloucester.

WANTED, Good Pianist, fully experienced in variety and pictures, with own extensive library. All communications with absolute lowest terms and last two references, to ERNEST BRIDGEN, Vint's Hippodrome, Nuneaton.

WANTED, for Picture and Variety Theatre (North), twice nightly, and Saturday Matinee, a really good Orchestral Pianist. Must be able to play all best overtures and Selections or no use. Strict sobriety essential. Open Sept. 22 if possible. Good salary to a fine player. Refs., age, all parts, to Box 5,247, "The Era."

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WANTED, Good Pianist (unisonist); double-handed preferred; to read at sight; resident, open immediately. Terms, references, JAMES ELPHINSTONE, Theatre, Sutton-in-Ashfield.

WANTED, first-class, experienced Pianist, combine Harmonium, to conduct orchestra, theatre, London. Also 1st Violin and Celloist. Only clever instrumentalists need apply, with latest references, by letter only, to F. W. PURCELL, South Side, Dalmeny-avenue, Tufnell Park, N.

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WANTED, for Sept. 29, week (possible fortnightly). Reliable Double Drummer, with effects; experienced mus. com.; salary 30s.; half salary, matinee. All particulars, Palace, Westcliff, Essex.

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# NEXT WEEK'S CALLS.

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 22, 1913.

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**BOSTOCK TOUR.**  
BLANTYRE PICTURE HOUSE.—Mons. W. H. Blantyre, pictures.  
HAMILTON HIPPODROME (rehearsal, 12).—T. B. Dean, Violet Romaine, Clara Coverdale's Right Boston Boys and Girls, Barney Murphy, Jackey and Le Sine, Mlle. Hargreaves.  
LEWISHIP HIPPODROME (rehearsal, 12).—George D'Alberty, Le Burn, Crawford and Johnston, Richard Wally, Maude Edmond, Clifford Morgan, Pathé's Gazette, Valmore and Collins, pictures.  
NORWICH HIPPODROME (rehearsal, 12).—Mirza Golem Tour, Gromo and Hamilton, Lily Hayes, Lane and Lloyd, Joe Archer, Pathé's Gazette, Mabel Thorne, pictures.  
PAISLEY HIPPODROME (rehearsal, 12).—Ten Loonies, R. A. Speedwell, Hugh Ogilvie, Dorina Trio, Susie Marney, Frank Edlinton and Co., pictures.

**BROADHEAD TOUR.**  
ASHTON EMPIRE HIPPODROME (rehearsal, 12).—Oh-l-o Girls, Frank Melvin, Archie Glen, Cyclery Buffons, Harry Kirk and Co., Topsy Johnson, Hector and Loretta, Nora Delany, Carotta Levey.  
ASHTON PAVILION (rehearsal, 11).—Hardene and Mostof, the Fowlers, pictures.  
ECCELES CROWN THEATRE (rehearsal, 12).—Karl and Eddie, Bell and Meaton, pictures.  
LIVERPOOL PAVILION (rehearsal, 12).—"Australian Nell."  
MANCHESTER HIPPODROME (rehearsal, 12).—E. G. Knowles, Alec Kennedy, Merz and Whittle, Lily Sprightly, Spry and Monti, Les Paulins, Josie Deline, Eight Ragged Rag-time Girls.  
MANCHESTER JUNCTION THEATRE (rehearsal, 12).—"The Story of the Roseary."  
MANCHESTER KING'S THEATRE (rehearsal, 12).—"The Midnight Wedding."  
MANCHESTER METROPOLE THEATRE (rehearsal, 11).—"The Halkes, Gerie Rex, Correa, Hal-Bert, Walker and Bunting, Pat Lynch, Jack Audley, Dancing Middles, Mina Bax, Mark Leslie, Lawley and East."  
MANCHESTER OSBORNE THEATRE (rehearsal, 12).—"A White Slave."  
MANCHESTER QUEEN'S PARK HIPPODROME (rehearsal, 12).—Will Evans, Tiny Arnold, Les Georgia, Molly Mackay, Frohman's, Day and Deen, Harry Levaline, Clark and Hamilton's Revue.  
MORCAMBE WINTER GARDENS (rehearsal, 10.30).—King and Lily, Walter Saxby, pictures, Jack Barlow, Fred Cary, Tris and Tris, Sorely and Antoinette, Burns and Bentley.  
PRESTON HIPPODROME (rehearsal, 11).—Edward Marry, "Band Contest," Larkum Bros., Faking the Film, Irene Armitage, Mabel Lenton, Arthur Rigby, Cola Robinson and Chinese Rag-timers.  
PRESTON PALACE THEATRE (rehearsal, 12).—"The Soldier Boy," pictures.  
SALFORD HIPPODROME (rehearsal, 12).—Harold Raynor and repertoire company.

**HAMILTON AND HUGHES TOUR.**  
CREWE CO-OPERATIVE HALL (rehearsal, 12).—Elroy, Muir Morell, and company as booked; also pictures.  
NORTHWICH PAVILION (rehearsal, 12).—Mona Vivian, Will B. Why, Percy Korah and Boys, and company as booked; also pictures.  
EUNORNI PUBLIC HALL (rehearsal, 12).—Leonard and French's Co. in "The Girl of My Heart."  
WIDNES CO-OPERATIVE HALL (rehearsal, 12).—Albert Ashton, Kent and Cabbie, Four Chares, and company as booked; also pictures.

**KENDRY CIRCUIT.**  
BEARWOOD COLISEUM (rehearsal, 12).—Belt, and Myers, Eddie Lockhart, Delaware and Leslie.  
BIRMINGHAM GAIETY (rehearsal, 12; matinee, 3).—Amasis, Ye Merrie Wags, Geo. Caselli, Ragolito, the Two Pearls and company booked.  
GANNOCK HIPPODROME (rehearsal, 12).—Johnson and De Vere, J. H. Carney, Maudie Gray, T. E. Bates, Poole and Poole.  
DARLSTON QUEENS (rehearsal, 12).—Miss Violet Verne, repertoire company.  
DUDLEY CRITERION (rehearsal, 12; matinee, 3).—Stock company and pictures.  
OLDBURY TIVOLI (rehearsal, 12).—Gus Levaline's company, "A Rag-time Revue."  
SMETHWICK EMPIRE (rehearsal, 12; matinee, 3).—Herbert Landock and company, "The Son of a Jew," the Valons, Rene and Willie, Lil and Al Edwards, the Four Wotcaulems.  
TIPTON TIVOLI (rehearsal, 12).—Norman and Allen, Ellina Turner, Metz.  
WEDNESBURY KINGS (rehearsal, 12; matinee, 3).—Harry Bent, Chic and Chum, Issa Steel, Tom Grevoy.  
WEST BROMWICH OLYMPIA (rehearsal, 12; matinee, 3).—"The Colonial Girls, St. Malo and Combs, Charles Chard, Will E. Haydon, Juliet Mendura.

**LONDON THEATRES OF VARIETIES.**  
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BALHAM HIPPODROME (rehearsal, 1.30).—Jen Latone, Sam Mayo, Johnson Clark, J. H. Wakefield, Kate Rozner, Sisters Jerome, Ben Albert, Prellie's Dogs, pictures, Bro. Hannaway, Ed. Lewis and Co., "Mother's Mistake."  
CAMBERWELL PALACE (rehearsal, 1).—Bert Cooke and Co., Lorch Family, Sammy Shields, Dave Samuels, Tucker, Winifred Ward, Geo. Newburn, Cassie Walmer, Molly Drew, Edie King, Orpheus, Laurette and Laurelle, pictures.  
CLAPHAM GRAND (rehearsal, 1.30).—T. E. Dunville, Billy Williams, Ella Shields, M. B. Kemp, Hurman, Rosie Archer, Winnie Wynn, B. D. Nicholls and Co., Phil Reece's Stable Lads, pictures, Robbins and Collier.  
CROYDON EMPIRE (rehearsal, 12).—Dave Samuels, Ella Shields, Belman and Pouski, the Masumias, Geo. Newburn, Frolics, Kitty Grey, Oak and Mosel, pictures, Vernon's "Silver City."  
HAMMERSMITH PALACE (rehearsal, 1.30).—Low Lake and Co., Baboon, T. E. Dunville, Harry Grey, Harry Bedford, May Fairclough, Dutch Daly, Parks and Price, Sisters Sprightly.

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PONTPOOL.—Brown, Green and Nixon, Carl Omond, Jack Smiles.

**POOLE TOUR.**  
ABERAMAN GRAND THEATRE.—Elliot-Savonas, Leonard Ure, Fields and Fields.  
AMMANFORD PICTORIUM.—Company as booked.  
CHELTENHAM PALACE.—Stewart and Morris, Bernard.  
GLOUCESTER KING'S HALL.—Darracq, Fred Horsfall, Alma Lorene.  
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QUEEN'S HALL, BRIERLEY HILL.—Alis Lewis, Avis and Barre.  
STOURBRIDGE KING'S HALLS.—Company as booked.

**STOLL TOUR.**  
THREE BASCALS (rehearsal, 12.30).—The Three Bascals, Jane Courthope and company, Anna Dorothy, Daisy Dornier, Young and Evans, the Findens, Felix Fleischer, Phyllis and Vernon Mellon, Bioscope.  
BRISTOL HIPPODROME (rehearsal, 12).—Eve Greene, William Burr and Daphne Hope, Romanoff, Solo, Harry Webber, Harry Herbert, Bro. Dean, Bioscope.  
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LEICESTER PALACE (rehearsal, 12).—Marie Strohmeier, Owen Clark, J. A. Wilson, Betty Boden, Iron Vinter, Little Zola, Bioscope.  
LONDON COLISEUM (rehearsal, 10).—Mme. Sarah Bernhard in "Une Nuit de Noe," Arthur Bouchier and company in "Doctor Johnson," Albert Chevalier, Florence Smithson, the Six Kirk—pictures.  
Jack Lane, J. P. Carroll, Bioscope.  
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WOOD GREEN EMPIRE (rehearsal, 12.30).—G. H. Elliott, Cheryenne Days, Mme. Alice Ely, Three Meers, Lupino Lane, Frank Le Dent, Elsie Kerry, Bioscope, Whit Cunliffe.  
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WESTLIFE SHOREFIELD GARDENS (rehearsal, 11).—"The Students."

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BRITTON EMPRESS (rehearsal, 12).—Fred Karno's company, "Eats," Otto and Olga, O'Gorman Bros., Kitty Colyer, Graham and Franklin, Phil Matchett, Monty Walker, Louise Zeland, Camilla Feo, Bioscope.  
CHELSEA (rehearsal, 12).—Herman Lieb and company, Mark Sheridan, Tom Craven and company, Harry Anderson, Satefice Family, Rosali Jacobi, Lottie Lennox, Arthur Astill, Bioscope.  
EAST HAM (rehearsal, 12).—"The American Rag-time Octette, Frederick Sylvester and company, Alexandra Dagmar, Les Legays, Signor Torti, Pete and Minnie Lee, Dan Fraser, Billy Beadell, Newman and Knight, Monty Walker, Bioscope.  
EUSTON (rehearsal, 12).—"The American Rag-time Octette, Florrie Groves and company, the Three Lumars, Lottie Lennox, Phil Bransby, Talbot and Pearce, Maud Hughes, John McCauley, the Maples, Bioscope.  
SHERIDAN, Herbert Clayton and company, Leslie Stiles, Jen Latone, King and Benson, Ben Albert, May Edouin, Seven Bramusas, Julian Mack, Alice Carver and company, Four Milens.  
METROPOLITAN (rehearsal, 12.45).—Alexandre and Hughes, Helena Milais and company, Tom Craven and company, Duncan and Godfrey, Chas. R. Whittle, Kenna Bros., Edith Trevor, Rosali Jacobi, Arthur Astill, Bioscope.  
OXFORD (rehearsal, 12).—Chas. Austin and company, Hayden Coffin and company, Clarice Mayne and J. W. Tate, the Crisps, Chas. Whittle, Billy Bull, Eight Stella Girls, Conway George, Torine, Frank Armstrong, Drawee, Frisco and Hambro, Four Cherles.  
SOUTH LONDON (rehearsal, 12).—Ethel Ward and company, Hayes and Merritt, Ada Colley, Frank Mayo and company, Phil Bransby, Ernest Krakes, Talbot and Pearce, Henrietta and Selina, Tivoli (rehearsal, 12).—Two Bobs, Bert Cooke and company, G. H. Chirgwin, Winifred Ward, Sam Stern, F. Kinsey Peile and Katie Cutler, Alexandre and Hughes, Harry Marlow, the Bles-

ings, Victoria Campbell, Fanny and Harry Dent.  
TOTTENHAM (rehearsal, 12).—T. Elder Dean, Mary Mayfield, company, Seven Bramusas, Hayman and Franklin, Rinaldo, Beale Slaughter, Irene May, Fred Hastings, Sam Kelly, G. S. Melvin, Bioscope.  
WALTHAMSTOW (rehearsal, 1).—Two Bobs, Rinaldo, Alfred Woods and company, Hayman and Franklin, Frances Letty, Bros. Redmond, Irene May, Sam Kelly, St. Hellier and Dorothy, G. S. Melvin, Bioscope.  
WATFORD PALACE (rehearsal, 1).—Chas. H. Williams's company, "Lady Norga."

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BIRMINGHAM HIPPODROME (rehearsal, 12.30).—Six Steppers, Fred Lincoln, Tate and Tate, Basil and Francis, "The Emperor's Sword," Morry Cash, Barclay Gammon, pictures, etc.  
BOLTON HIPPODROME.—Chas. Draycott's Co., "The Heart Bowed Down."  
BOSCOMBE HIPPODROME (rehearsal, 1.30).—Gertrude Lester, A. W. Scott, Guy Rider, Five X. Rays, Phil Parsons, Jack and Evelyn, pictures, etc.  
BRIGHTON HIPPODROME (rehearsal, 12).—Kay and Gee, Chas. Vincent, Thorne, Harry Lauder, Dorane Sisters and Wood, Minnie Mace, Subtle, pictures, etc.  
EDINBURGH THEATRE ROYAL (rehearsal, 12).—Nellie Wallace, Tony Black, Jean Kirk, Captains Wood and Green, etc.  
GLASGOW ALHAMBRA.—Artists holding engagements at this theatre are requested to forward to the manager latest photos a week before their appearance in Glasgow. Rehearsal at 12 for Ross Lister, Horace Horner, the Gillettes, Deane Tribune Duo, David Devant, Alberta Flahay and Tenor, Bradshaw Brothers.  
LEEDS HIPPODROME (rehearsal, 12).—Cullen and Carthy, Edie Gray and Boys, Tim Carlisle, Katie Butler, Zellini, Fragon, pictures, etc.  
LIVERPOOL HIPPODROME (rehearsal, 12).—David Poole, Musical Howards, Harry Brown, Little, Little, Alice Graves, Inobafas, Haley's Juveniles, Oswald Williams, pictures.  
MARGATE HIPPODROME (rehearsal, 2.30).—Alice Hollander, "The Pawnbroker," "Station Master," pictures, etc.  
NEWCASTLE HIPPODROME (rehearsal, 12).—Mascot, Manny and Roberts, Leon and Leon, Cady, Cornelia and Eddy, Arthur Cartwright, Radford and Valentine, Mary Law, Lynn and Leslie, Rosie Lloyd, pictures.  
PARIS ALHAMBRA.—Sept. 16 to 30, the Craggs, Four Amateurs, Bell-Heltons, Christy and Willis, Jean Clermont, Carrey Boys, Max Linder, Maxini and Bobby, Ferry Crover, pictures.  
PORTSMOUTH HIPPODROME (rehearsal, 1).—Carmen Turchi, Little Tich, the Dennisons, Paul Vandy, Mona Warwick, Chas. Grantley, pictures, etc.  
SHEFFIELD HIPPODROME (rehearsal, 12).—Fred Barnes Violet King, Mabel Osborn, Syd Walker, Belleair Bros., Henley Revue, Sheila Osborn and Co., Fred Curran, pictures.  
SOUTHAMPTON HIPPODROME (rehearsal, 12.30).—Helen Charles, Four Its, "Battle of Waterloo," Foreman and Pannan, Hammon and Wyatt Hyman and Metford, Robb Wilton, etc.  
SOUTHERN HIPPODROME (rehearsal, 1.30).—George Back, Horton and Rydon, Six Bros. Luck, Daisy Griffith, Kitty Clegg, Miss Stavordale Quartette, Alfens and Partner, pictures.  
WOLVERHAMPTON EMPIRE (rehearsal, 1).—The Walters, Nat Gould, Nella Deane, Four Londons, "Holiday Revue," the Westwoods, Rayburn and Dix, pictures.

**THE LEON VINT TOUR.**  
ABERAVON PALACE.—Juggling Geraldos, Chas. Clifford, Norrie, pictures.  
BARRY DOCK PALACE.—Mezzettis, Two Le Roy, La Belle Nyah.  
CARMARTHEN PALACE.—Lill's Juveniles, George Adams.  
LLESTON PICTUREDOME.—Carl Hertz, Phyllis May, Crossman and Winters.  
LLANELLY PALACE.—Hans and Greta, Freda Danilo, Amor and Roma.  
LONG EATON PICTUREDOME.—Gwenie Llewellyn, Royal Best, Metz and Metz.  
LOUGHBOROUGH HIPPODROME.—Yuma, Billy Willis, Carmen and Readwin.  
NEATH PALACE.—Seven Perezoffs, Noni and Kiko, Victoria Troupe.  
NORTHAMPTON PALACE.—Four Bachelors, Marion Scott, Chris Van Bern.  
NUNEATON HIPPODROME.—"The Fatal Wedding."

NUNATON PICTUREDOME.—Capt. Woodward's Seals, Harl and Edie, Ascot and Dewey.  
RUGBY HIPPODROME.—The Larques, Mr. Albert Williams, Dorrie and Kemp.  
RUGBY PALACE.—Comedy Meisters, Edward Harold, Five Bombays.  
Rehearsals at 1.30, with the exception of Long Eaton and Neath Hippodrome, which are at 1 o'clock.  
**ALBANY WARD TOUR.**  
CHIPPENHAM PALACE.—"Quo Vadis?" Sept. 22, 23, 24; "Charlie's Aunt," Sept. 26.  
EXMOUTH PUBLIC HALL.—Lient. Chard's Dogs.  
FROME PALACE.—Bains and company, "Bunty Pulls the Strings," Sept. 25; "Charlie's Aunt," Sept. 26.  
GUERNSEY ST. JULIA'S THEATRE.—The Braemars, Wilton and Howard.  
JERSEY ALHAMBRA.—Kenneth and Kane, Ethel Vere.  
JERSEY OPERA HOUSE.—King and Kingsley.  
PORTLAND MASONIC HALL.—George Grenville.  
PORTLAND PALACE.—George Grenville.  
RADSTOCK PALACE.—Hewson Trio, Learth, "Charlie's Aunt," Sept. 23.  
SALISBURY PALACE.—Violet Vanbrugh, Sept. 25; "Bunty Pulls the Strings," Sept. 26, Leo Corrie, Irma Orsaker, Jaffa the Carries.  
TREHARRIS PALACE.—Bandoni, Caribani's Dogs.  
TROWBRIDGE PALACE.—Welda and Wynne, "Bunty Pulls the Strings," Sept. 25; "Charlie's Aunt," Sept. 26.  
WESTON SUPER-MARE PALACE.—Sylvio, Howe and Keesler, John Lawson and company, in "Humanity."

WEYMOUTH JUBILEE HALL.—The Sisters Githy, Richards and Leighton, Signor Börelli, Hin son Bros.  
WEYMOUTH PALLADIUM.—Miss Doris Duquenne, Brooks and company.  
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**MISCELLANEOUS.**  
ALDERSHOT HIPPODROME.—Viviano and Co., The Four Delevines, Four Musical Denvers, Maestro Quartette, Leighton and Melville, Jack Stacks, Marie Terry, Henri Bekker, Lynda Martell.  
ASTON HIPPODROME.—Poole's "Leas of the Titanic," Minnie Paget, Costello Bros., Jack Sheridan, Henry Chaff and Alice Tremayne, Naughton and Gold.  
BATLEY HIPPODROME.—Frank Sley, Manchester Quartette, Linden and McCrave, Six Sisters Volka and pictures.  
BLACKPOOL PALACE (rehearsal 11).—Vesta Tilley, Kitty Carlton, Leonardo Brothers, Barton and Ashley, Charles Urick, Nellie Tollerlon, G. W. Bolton, Shields and Rogers.  
BUNTON GRAND THEATRE (orchestral rehearsal, 11.30; matinee, Monday, 2.30).—Aetie Browning, Tom Collins and Co., Mannon Troupe, Marchesa Sisters, Charburn's Young Stars, Hayden's Marionettes, May Erne and Chester.  
CAMBRIDGE (rehearsal, 11).—High Davos Trio, Rangers, Fox and Melville, Merry Brooklands, Baker and Gee, Three Orros, Bert Eden, Bioscope.  
CANTERBURY THEATRE ROYAL.—Baroness Von Lutzel, Sisters Thomes, Dale and Vale, Betty Brown, and pictures.  
COVENTRY HIPPODROME.—Scott and Whaley, Camp and Critic, Walter Passmore and Co., Vere and Nelson, The Villions, Lytton and De Silva, Jack Edwin.  
DONCASTER PALACE THEATRE (rehearsal, 12).—Fred Karno's Co. in "Wakes" and "Perkins, M.P." Billy Austell, Leonie Dixon, Maro Duo, Fred Lloyd, Frances and Gladys Henderson, Jack and Willie, pictures.  
DOUGLAS CONNOR'S GRAND CIRCUS (rehearsal, 2.30).—Hopppit, Tony and Terry, Bishop and Winkles, Fredrico and Edgaro, Menlo and Minora, Tom Glibey, Victoria Dagmar, Duggie Connor, Marie Conroy, Circuscope (pictures), Eccentric Eddie, Sully Sivado, Funny Fred, M. G. Connor, Sisters Urna, "Merry Millers," Sketch Co.  
DUDLEY OPERA HOUSE (rehearsal, 1).—"Hindle Wakes."

DURHAM PALACE (rehearsal, 2).—"The Arcadian."  
EASTWOOD EMPIRE.—The Balmorals, Edith Deeks, Two Weymans, "Lighthouse Prisoners."  
EDMONTON EMPIRE.—The Great Arvi Mystery, Edith Chantler, Clifford and Grey, Hodgson, Lowther in "Left Luggage," Leo Ted, The Phydoras, Tom Conway, Hal Chapter, Bioscope.  
GLASGOW PAVILION THEATRE.—Four Royal Scots, Zeta Russell, Victor Kelly, Westbrooks, Beth Tate, Coquell, George Graves, Hesser.  
GLASGOW SAVOY THEATRE (rehearsal, 11).—"River Girl," Henriette De Serris, L'Incongnita, Herbert Shelley, Nellie Nora Billy Marsden, Amy Clevere, the Kinkors.  
GLASGOW WEST END PLAYHOUSE THEATRE (rehearsal, 11).—Kirk and Saraski, Mdlle. de Rose and Hilda, J. H. Hawtry, Mdlle. Yetta, Rennie and Roxburgh, Agnes Tina, George Tawde and Co., Harry Ford.  
GRIMSBY PALACE THEATRE (rehearsal, 1.30).—Arthur Prince, Bert Rayburn, The Bartholomew Girls, Roland Bros., Henry Bedford and Co., Yazo, Anna Schuberth, pictures.  
KINGSTON EMPIRE (rehearsal, 12.30).—Fred Karno and Co., "Flats," Green and Wood, Cole, Losse, Nikita's Roosters, Moore and Sumner, Winnie Wayne, Dave Bryant, Empire Chronicle.  
LUTON PALACE.—Seik's "Bonny Scotland," Allan and Hart, Syd Sydney, Ethel Donna, Coby Ryland, Lou Loo Lou, Frear.

MANCHESTER TIVOLI (rehearsal, 12).—Tom and Marie Motram, Len Kilroy, the Hobsons, Athlone and Sinclair, G. W. Burnaby, Henry and Leisel, Lily Arthur, Deszo Kordy, Bioscope.  
MARLOW PUBLIC HALL.—THEATRE OF VARIETIES (rehearsal, 2).—Nat Travers, Daphne Mayfair, Ildian Maision, Muzello, Nan Gray, Larry Kevell, Edith Moore, Jack Beard, La Belle Hedra.  
NORTHAMPTON NEW THEATRE (rehearsal, 12).—"Alexander," Rax-time Band, Bros. Curran, Dan Lawley, Cestria, Arthur F. Ward, Lena Leslie, Moritz Lutson, Bert Cooke's Co.  
OXFORD (rehearsal, 11).—Josephine Labarie, Elna Boyde, Cyrus Dato, Terrell Trio, Four Sisters Ruby, Harold Hill, Rexart, Bioscope.  
PALACE.—Gaby Deslys, Grace La Rue, Antone and Grock, the Grotesques, Palace Girls, Miller Bros., Violet Essex, the Riels, Nell Gower.  
PARTICK STAR PALACE.—Chester and Lee's No. 1 Co., Nellie Walton, Ivo Hayman and Co., "Christmas Eve," pictures, and company as booked.  
PRESTON EMPIRE THEATRE (rehearsal, 11).—"La Pia, Tom a-z-zell, Florence Smithers, Les Marbas, Tambo and Tambo, Flo and Rose Shovel, Tom Giot, Belle Davis and her Cracker Jacks, Gus Garrick, Monday matinee, 2.30.  
QUEEN'S PALACE OF VARIETIES (rehearsal, 12).—A. Melville's drama, "Woman and Wine," Bioscope, Billy French, Selection, Jack Warman, Mlle. Leigh.  
READING PALACE THEATRE OF VARIETIES (rehearsal, 1).—Ernest Shand, Valdo Bros., Prof. Thornbury, Wyatt and Dirome, Tom Stuart, Palace Bioscope, Marie Glenn, Ten Galathea, H. D. Adams.  
RUNCORN PALACE.—Louis J. Seymour, comedian, and pictures.  
SALFORD REGENT.—Jock McKay, Three Royal Dreadnoughts, Brown and Navarro, Teddy Eiben, Pat, Olga and Avie, T. C. Eric, Carl Muller, Bart and Bart, Baker and De Sales, and Bioscope.  
SCUNTHORPE PALACE THEATRE (rehearsal, 1.30).—J. A. Jewel and H. B. Jewel, in "Change," Madame Adair Payne, Harry Harvey, Jack Shires and Co., Ess and Hettie, pictures.  
ST. HELENS VICTORIA THEATRE (rehearsal, 2).—Martine Trio Zakaree Ermakov, Lily Flexmore.

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STOCKPORT EMPIRE THEATRE (rehearsal, 1).—Berg Bros., Alvaretas, Urus Comedy Four, Athol Trio, Dorothy Quire, Selbit's Spirit Paintings and Mysterious Cheese, Bioscope.  
SURREY THEATRE (rehearsal, 12; Monday matinee, 2.30).—Harry Randall, Ethel Loftus, Farr and Farland, Jordan and Harvey, Lily Lister, Herr Doring and Pigeons, Chas. Bell and company, Sisters Geretti, Soho Trio.  
TOTTENHAM PALACE.—The Roy and Co., Whit Canille, Poluski, Billy Williams, Farr and Farland, Daisy Taylor, Arthur Reece, Vera Nixon, Rowlands and Ford, Baroness d'Astrel.  
WIGAN HIPPODROME (rehearsal, 11; matinee, 2.30).—Ike and Will Scott, the Five Jovers, the Aza Trio, Ed. B. B. Fyle, Howard, Michael Madden, the Hippograpp, and Eldid.  
YORK EMPIRE (rehearsal, 1).—Florrie Forde, the Masques, Milner and Storey, Stingos Duo, Dacre and Lynton, Billy Simpson, the Five Olracs.

At Bow-street Police Court on Wednesday afternoon last, before Mr. Graham Campbell, Percy O'Malley, theatrical agent, carrying on business in Whitcombe-court, Leicester-square, as Nolan's Dancing and Dramatic Academy, was summoned at the instance of the London County Council, under the General Powers Act, 1909, for arranging for the employment abroad of a person without being in possession of information from a responsible party testifying to the satisfactory nature of the proposed employment. Owing to the absence of witnesses for the prosecution the case was adjourned. The case was adjourned to the 3rd Long case, and carrying on a theatrical employment agency at 20b, Charing Cross Mansions, Charing Cross-road, was also summoned for receiving a fee without giving a receipt to the applicant for employment. This case was also adjourned.

Miss Elsie Kerry, the celebrated Irish comedienne, who has just concluded a short provincial tour, re-starts on the Stoll circuit in full on Monday next, opening with the Empire, Wood Green.  
The friends of Miss Kate Ross (Mrs. John Windley) will be grieved to hear that she is lying dangerously ill at her rooms, 3, Sycamore-street, Ashington. She is devotedly nursed by her only daughter, who will be glad to hear from old friends.

An entirely new sketch, entitled "The Dope," written by Joseph Medill Patterson, and depicting the terrible havoc caused by the cocaine habit, will be presented at the Chelsea Palace by Hermann Lieb and company on Monday next.  
Two popular members of the company now appearing in "Come Over Here" at the London Opera House, were married on Monday at the Bloomsbury Registry Office. The contracting parties were Miss Alice May, who plays the part of the Bluebell in the Spider's Web scene, and Mr. Clayton Robbins, who plays the waiter in the first act, and a part in the sextette in the Sumurun Scene in the second. Mr. Robbins is a young American gentleman, a graduate of Princeton University, U.S.A. He has sung at many concerts in America, but the present is his first theatrical engagement. Miss Alice May is a young English dancer. The parties first met during the rehearsals of "Come Over Here" at the London Opera House, which, it will be recalled, was produced on April 17 last.











Donna and Tramp"; Max and Lily, humpstump act; Kitty Curtis, male impersonator; Syd Kemp, comedian; and pictures.

**GLOSSOP.**  
THEATRE ROYAL.—L. & M. Mr. W. E. Cuthill.—This week (twice nightly): Dick Walker, comedian; Fred Koenig, instrumentalist; Harry Vane, equilibrist; Frank West, juggler, &c.; Miss Nellie Seymour, dancer; Joe Anderson, baritone; and pictures. Matinee, Saturday.

**GLOUCESTER.**  
PALACE.—L. & M. Mr. Will Smithson; R. M. Mr. R. T. Lea.—This week (twice nightly): Mr. and Mrs. F. G. Kimberley's Co. in "The Prairie Outlaw." Cast includes: Great Star, Mr. Robert Gilroy, Running Elk, Mr. Frank Wallace, Miss Maud Sidney, Miss Masterman, Miss Gipsie Barrie, Mr. William Melvyn, Mr. Russell Bogue, Mr. Jack McCaig, Mr. Herbert Sydney, Mr. Harold Ford, Mr. Allan Carruthers, Mr. Fred Newburn, T. M. Mr. Herbert Sydney. Next week: "A Blind Girl's Love."

**GOOLE.**  
THEATRE ROYAL.—L. & M. Mr. Bennett.—This week (twice nightly): The Seven Wulfrans, in "Fun in a Cafe," and pictures.

**COLISEUM.**—P. & M. Mr. R. Hainsworth; Asst. M. Mr. W. Hainsworth.—This week: "The Whiter." Cast includes: Messrs. Leslie C. Crossley, George Wallace, Percy Byers, George Beltham, Reg. E. Kendrick, R. G. Stanley, Harry Shepherd, Harry Belper, Geo. Williams, Will Hood, Herbert Jones, Wilton Reed, J. Hibberd, Mansell, Misses Emily Lewis, Madeline Court, Mara Collins, Marie Lyndon, Florence Lyndon. Next week: "A White Slave Victim."

**GRANTHAM.**  
THEATRE ROYAL.—L. & M. Mr. J. A. Campbell.—This week (once nightly): Thursday, Friday, and Saturday, Mr. E. Taylor Platt presents "Milestones." Cast includes: Mr. Gerald Mirrielees, Mr. Frank Snell, Mr. Graham Herington, Mr. Geo. Morgan, Mr. Cedric Bennett, Mr. Alex. Clifton, Mr. Bert Dixon, Mr. A. Saunders, Miss Agnes Lowson, Miss Dorothy Hall, Miss Amy O'Donohoe, Miss Hilda Gregory, Miss M. Williams, Miss Lily O'Donohoe, T. M. Mr. C. H. Middleton.

**KEEGOCK.**  
KING'S THEATRE.—P. & M. Messrs. A. B. and J. J. Wright; M. D. Mr. James Murchie.—This week (once nightly): The Fred J. Little's Productions, Limited, present "Rogues of Society." The cast includes: Messrs. Frank Corfield, Douglas B. Watson, A. George Fry, Frank Ayron, Ernest St. John, Frank Venn, George Lorene, William Purl, James Haymer, James Seltor, Phil Brownley, Cecil Croxbridge, Percy Dandread, Misses Julie St. George, Edna Walters, Madge Seymour, and Marguerite Trevesper. T. M. Mr. Frank Ayron. Next week: "Charley's Aunt."

**EMPIRE THEATRE.**—L. B. B. Pictures, Ltd.—M. D. Mr. J. J. Beall; A. M. Mr. Ernest A. Clayton.—This week (twice nightly and Saturday matinee): The Bouncing Pepe, in acrobatic acts; Pat Clark, juggler; and pictures.

**GUERNSEY.**  
THEATRE ST. LEONARDS.—M. D. Messrs. Ed. Morris and Albany Ward; R. M. Mr. George A. Deighton.—This week, till Wednesday: Sisters Gardner; Ethel Vere; pictures. Thursday: Mr. R. G. Knowles. Friday: "Hindle Wakes."

**HALIFAX.**  
THEATRE ROYAL.—P. The Northern Theatres Co., Ltd.; M. D. Mr. William Robinson; G. M. Mr. Otto C. Culling; M. D. Mr. Edwin James.—This week (once nightly): Mr. George Dance presents "The Girl on the Farm." Cast includes: Mr. Albert Darnley, Mr. Hugh Weybrance, Mr. Leonard Lorraine, Mr. A. W. Bartlett, Mr. Harry Hardy, Mr. Hugh Allen, Mr. Albert Smith, Mr. Wilfrid Seagram, Miss Nesta Allen, Miss Maude Lake, Miss Constance Caley, Miss Maud Ainslie, Miss Betty Lovell, Miss Hilda Bellamy, Miss Jessie Phyllis, Miss Daisy Wallace, Miss Dolly Harmer. Next week: "Man and Superman," etc.

**GRAND THEATRE.**—P. The Northern Theatres Co., Ltd.; M. D. Mr. William Robinson; G. M. Mr. Otto C. Culling; A. M. Mr. J. Hinton.—This week (twice nightly): Mr. and Mrs. F. G. Kimberley present "The Prairie Outlaw." Cast includes: Mr. Edward E. Louis, Mr. Ernest Vaughan, Mr. Gerald Shirley, Mr. John Cronridge, Mr. Hyland P. O'Shea, Mr. Edward Maples, Mr. Will Lindoe, Great Star, Mr. Robert Gilroy, Flowing Elk, Mr. Frank Wallace, Miss Nellie Wood, Master Addison, Miss Madge Douglas, T. M. Mr. Ernest Vaughan. Next week: "The Mormon Peril."

**PALACE.**—P. Mr. Frank Macnaghten; M. D. Mr. Edgar O. Waller; M. D. Mr. Ernest A. Widdup.—This week: The Gei Family, risley acrobats; Howard and Collinson, in "Fun in a China Shop"; Schillott Bros., in "In Shadowland"; Rene Ralph, comedienne; The Rocheforts, comedy duo; Lena Blunette, vocalist; Rowland Hill, "Ellis Dame"; Graham Moffat's Co. (Misses Ellis Drake, Anne Fraser, Lillian Urquhart, Messrs. George Westland and Jack Fraser) in "The Concealed Bed."

**HAMILTON.**  
HIPPODROME.—Sole P. Mr. E. H. Bostock; R. M. Mr. R. C. Clayton; A. M. Mr. E. Dawson Milford.—This week (twice nightly): Galetti's Baboons, in "A Day at the Races"; Mignonne Kikin, comedienne; W. B. Raby, comedian; Irene May, comedienne; Signor Torti, vocalist; Newhouse and Ward, comedy cyclists; and pictures.

**HANLEY.**  
ROYAL.—P. Hanley Theatres, Ltd.; M. D. Mr. Chas. G. Biplingstone; M. D. Mr. George Clarkson.—This week: Mr. James J. Perses's Co. in "His House in Order." Cast includes: Mr. Frank Fenton and Miss Gwendolyn Carlisle, Messrs. Ashmore Vincent, Charles Chappell, Frank McKee, Fred. Garton, Herbert J. Walton, Arthur Ryleston, Bernard Gold, and Miss Mary Kingsley, Frieda Johnson, Dorothy May, and Mrs. Sarah Mead. GRAND.—P. & M. D. Hanley Theatres, Ltd.; M. D. Mr. F. Dudman Bromwich; M. D. Mr. J. H. Cartnell.—This week: Johnson Clark, ventriloquist; Adam Tomlinson, comedian; the Four Miradors, athletes; Almes Roberts, impressionist; the Harvey Boys, in "That Was Me"; Herbert La Martine, dancer; Jack Sheridan, comedian; and pictures. KING'S.—L. & M. Mr. J. P. Moore; M. D. Mr. Shaw; M. D. Mr. T. Simpson.—Vaudeville and pictures.

**HARROGATE.**  
GRAND OPERA HOUSE.—M. D. Mr. William Peacock; A. M. Mr. Sydney A. Harrison.—This week (once nightly): Mr. Robert Courtneidge presents "Princess Caprice." Cast includes: Mr. Frank Dairs, Mr. Michael Dwyer, Mr. Monti Macdonald, Mr. G. G. McLachlan, Mr. Campbell Bishop, Mr. Arthur Rayne, Mr. Alex. Sanderson, Mr. Dennis Cowes, Mr. Will Hallett, Mr. James Edwards, Mr. Frank Prebble, Mr. Harry Borrett, Mr. Alf. Dudley, Mr. Dan Kolyat, Miss Maud, Miss Francis, Miss Peggy Burke, Miss Metcalfe, Miss Dorothy Wallace, Miss Irene Ward, Miss Jan Shepperd, Miss Gwen Gordon, Miss Gwladys Archibut, Miss Winifred Roma, T. M. Mr. Eade Montefiore. Matinee, Wednesday, 2.30. Next week: "The Arcadians."

**HASTINGS.**  
GAIETY THEATRE.—M. Mr. H. W. Rowland; R. M. Mr. C. E. Scott.—This week (first three nights and matinee on Wednesday): Mr. Geo. Dance's Co. in "The Younger Generation." Cast includes: Messrs. J. W. Rooper, James W. Redmond, W. Ribble, Walter Williams, J. W. Beale, Hugh Larkin, John T. MacCallum, Miss Maude Denny, Laura Wright, Edith White, Gwen Conington, Alice Rowles, Madge Robertson, Billie Maxwell, Phyllis Payne, Gladys Peters, Bessie Cottell, Florence Stanby, Lurline Chandler, Edith Wells, Kitty O'Brien, Vivienne de Roincer, Cicely Guiver, Muriel Sangton, May Henry, Daisy Wayland, May Handel, René Buckingham, Claire Ross, Madge Austin, Kathleen Graham, Beatrice Wicken, T. M. Mr. W. Kibbie; Advt. M. Mr. Albert Pennell. Latter half of the week: "Bunty Pulls the Strings."

**PIER PAVILION.**—M. Mr. Charles Hawker.—This week (first three nights and matinee Wednesday): Mr. Frank Weatherby's Co. in "A Pair of Spectacles." Cast includes: Messrs. Byron Douglas, George Fairhurst, Wentworth Fane, Leslie Clare, Henry Elington, Sidney Frank, Misses Florence Harcourt, Ilma Dayne, Beatrice Bellamy, T. M. Mr. Leslie Clare.

**PALACE PIER ST. LEONARDS.**—M. Mr. Elvey Thomas.—This week: Mr. Norman V. Norman and Miss Beatrice Wilson in "The Marriage of Kitty." The cast includes: Messrs. Charles Stone, Norman V. Norman, J. A. Snaish, John Walters, Misses Lissa Colman, Elsie James, and Beatrice.

**RUDDERSFIELD.**  
THEATRE ROYAL.—P. Messrs. Milton Bode and Albany Ward; R. M. Mr. Fred Benton.—This week: B. Iden Payne and H. Theodore's company, in "The Younger Generation." Cast includes: P. Hawksworth Dix, Francis Waring, Dorothy Kingsley, A. T. Phillips, Margaret Vaughan, Ernest C. Cassell, Lionel Fancourt, Eric Graham, W. Edward Stirling, Minnie Webb, William D. Dexter, Fredrick, in "The Tallyman." Next week: "When Knights Were Bold."

**RULL.**  
GRAND THEATRE.—Owners, Morton's, Ltd.—This week (once nightly and Saturday matinee): Sir George Alexander's Co. in "The Turn of Mind." Cast includes: Rupert Lister, A. C. Holmes, William Hall, Frank Follows, John Burton, W. Walton Palmer, Percy Watts, Thomas Read, Austin Churton, Charles Page, Blanka Stewart, Gwen Williams, Molly O'Doyne, Cecil Barclay.

**ALEXANDRA THEATRE.**—Owners, Morton's, Ltd.—This week (once nightly): Fred. Melville presents "The Monk and the Woman." Cast includes: Mr. Ed. M. Mr. J. J. Beall, Mr. C. A. James, Mr. Frederick Edouin, Mr. William Maitland, Mr. Arthur Robinson, Mr. Arthur Ewart, Mr. Frank Maurice, Mr. Robert Ambe, Mr. Lewis Barton, Mr. Richard Rayner, Mr. Charles O'Shea, Mr. George F. J. James, Mr. James Bough, Mr. Claude Ferguson, Mr. Henry Norland, Mr. Frank Barrington, Mr. Harry Peer, Miss Gertrude Gilbert, Miss Dorothy Maude, Miss Alice Leon, Miss Kathleen V. Bryant, Miss Evelyn Browner. Next week: "The Gambler."

**PALACE.**—P. Moss Empires, Ltd.; M. D. Mr. Frank Allen; A. M. Mr. John S. Barnett.—This week (twice nightly): George Formby, comedian; Maudie Scott, comedienne; Helen Martin; Martine, in musical act; Mrs. De Breaux, in Japanese entertainment; Chris Baker, comedian; Victor Travers, comedian; Caranzogues, dancers; Adele Moraw, the Parisienne; and pictures. T. O. L. L. Kingston Varieties Co., Ltd.; M. D. Mr. Harry Singler; A. M. Mr. De Breaux; Fennel and Tyson, vocalists; Dan Whitte, comedian; Maud Hughes, soprano; Two Le Bruns, entertainers; Little Lucie Linda, dancer; Two Stylis, comedians; Gertie Martin, comedienne; Max Rivers and Maudie Sullivan; dancers; and Berg Bros., cyclists.

**IFRACOMBE.**  
ALEXANDRA HALL.—L. & M. Mr. J. Percy; R. M. Mr. J. Roberts.—Monday and Tuesday: Mr. Banister Howard presents "Bunty Pulls the Strings."

Thursday and Friday: Mr. and Mrs. Vyvian Thomas's Co. in "Tantrums"; and in "The New Boy" on Saturday. Next week (Wednesday and Thursday): "General John Regan." **VICTORIAN PAVILION.**—L. & M. Mr. E. J. Tamlyn.—The Vivandieres, under the direction of Mr. Carl Fredericks. **GAIETY CONCERT HALL.**—The Tailors, including Miss Cynthia Cooper, Miss Pattle O'Hanlon, Mr. Mason Wood, Mr. Peniston Miles, Mr. Guy Fare, and Mr. Louis Rihill. **MONTE BELLO LAWN.**—Mr. Will Pepper's White Coons. **PIER BANDSTAND.**—Mr. Melvor's Wisesays. **CAPSTONE BANDSTANDS.**—Miss Maude Dadda, A.R.C.M., contralto vocalist at band performances conducted by Mr. W. J. White. **FUNNELS BEACHES.**—The Henry Clay concert party.

**JARROW.**  
THEATRE ROYAL.—L. & M. Mr. Hugh Robertson.—Twice nightly: Hubert Skardon's Co. in "The Sinner." Cast includes: Messrs. Herbert Skardon, Cyrian H. Matthews, Beckett Bout, Newton Pearce, A. Edward Brooke, H. Arnold Allen, Patterson, C. Barr, Misses May Beatrice, Nicholson, Nancy Mitchell, Isabella Sanderson, Sidney Crowe.

**JERSEY.**  
OPERA HOUSE, LTD.—M. D. Messrs. Edward Marris and Albany Ward; R. M. Mr. Lindsey Edwards; Asst. M. Mr. A. F. Williams.—This week: Mr. Edwin T. Hays' Co. in "Hindle Wakes." Cast includes: Messrs. W. H. Dewhurst, Charles Freeman, Neville Gordon, Frank Howard, Misses Beatrice F. Kaye, Florence Rutter, Katherine Maynard, Nancy Clutterbuck, and Amy Whitaker. On Friday and Saturday, flying visit by R. D. Knowles. **LHAMBRA.**—M. D. Messrs. Edward Marris and Albany Ward; R. M. Mr. O'Keefe.—This week: Matapuz, The Belvederes, James Keane, and pictures.

**WEST'S PICTURE PLAYHOUSE.**—P. Mr. J. T. West; R. M. Mr. J. Felton.—Victorine and Manelli; and pictures.

**KEIGHLEY.**  
HIPPODROME.—P. Mr. Francis Laidler; G. M. Mr. Nathaniel Hepworth; A. M. Mr. W. E. Havers; M. D. Mr. Frank Hughes.—This week (once nightly): Mr. J. A. Campbell presents "From Convent to Throne." Cast includes: Mr. Gordon Robey, Mr. J. Ellis Preston, Mr. W. Burton Yeldwyn, Mr. Herbert Mansfield, Mr. Richard Oliver, Mr. A. C. Nightingale, Mr. Dan Seymour, Mr. Fred Halle, Miss Gladys Rose Jones, Mr. William Speke, Mr. Richard Loft, Mr. Edwin Jacin, Mr. John Jheni, Mr. E. D. Victor, Mr. J. Nicholson, Mr. J. Reginald, Mr. Locke, Mr. Frank Marshall, Mr. Jasper Wright, Miss Lulu Bows, Miss Amy Venemore, Miss Kitty Grey, Miss Esme Mallin, Miss Rita Sponte. Next week: "Miss Lancashire, Ltd."

**KETERING.**  
COLISEUM.—P. Messrs. Thompson Bros.; M. Mr. A. Thompson.—This week: The Sisters Geretti, in "The Younger Generation." Cast includes: Taree, the musical bushman; Silent Tate and Amie; and pictures.

**PALACE.**—P. The Palace Theatres, Ltd.; M. Mr. T. Covington.—This week: Frank Roy in "The Concert," and pictures.

**LEEDS.**  
THEATRE ROYAL.—P. Mr. Francis Laidler; G. M. Mr. Nathaniel Hepworth; A. M. Mr. George H. Almond; M. D. Mr. Thos. A. Coomer.—This week (twice nightly): Fred. Melville's Co. in "The Turn of Mind." Cast includes: Mr. Charles Grenville, Mr. J. H. Dobell, Mr. F. J. Waller, Mr. Henry Wright, Mr. George Ford, Mr. Bert Mote, Mr. J. B. Hillings, Miss Cissie Meredith, Miss Gertrude Jones, Miss Florence Grey, Miss Betty Sainsbury, Miss Lando, Mr. Frederick Grigor, Mr. R. A. Robinson, Mr. Cath. Carr Brown, Mr. Archie Fennis, Mr. Forster Lennon, Mr. Bert Lyons, Mr. Herbert Stallwood, Miss Mary Maitland, Miss Amy Randolph, Miss Elton Morgan, G. Poulton Turner, Ernie Barrar, Arlie Francis, Chas. Hartop, Wm. Richardson, Misses Cherry Veyne, F. O. Norman, Adeline Raby, and Hettie Senior. **TEMPERANCE HALL.**—P. & M. Mr. Israel Price.—This week (twice nightly): Harold Wolfgang and company in "The Torch," the Laidlows; Leslie and Player; the Wechsels, Rora and Rejane; J. W. Turner, Florrie Wright, and pictures.

**MEXBOROUGH.**  
HIPPODROME.—P. Messrs. G. W. and G. E. Smith; M. D. Mr. Leyton; M. D. Mr. G. W. Simpson.—Next week: Mr. James Willard's Co. in "The Ace of Hearts"; two Britons, athletes, Musical Keiths, xylophonists; Sol and Jole, acrobats; Bert Eden, comedian; Shogun and Ryder, in shooting act; Mavor and Barton, cycling comedians; and pictures.

**MIDDLEBROUGH.**  
GRAND OPERA HOUSE.—L. Mr. J. Chas. Imeson; A. M. Mr. Hubert Smith.—This week: William Greet's Co. in "The Sign of the Cross." Cast includes: Messrs. J. H. Barrett, Mr. Bernard Elliott, Mr. Charles Aldred, Mr. Herbert Stanton, Mr. Frank Wood, Mr. Harry Jones, Mr. Harold Standing, Mr. Martin Palmer, Mr. Tom Wetherall, Mr. J. Newman, Mr. H. Roose, Miss Helen Hardy, Miss Dorothy Latt, Miss Doris Rene, Miss Barbara Thorne, Miss Dorothy Tregegan, Miss Betty Beaumise, Miss Mary Paget, Miss Ethel Elyott, Miss Grace Courtin, Miss Kitty Malone, Miss Kathleen O'Neill, Miss Millie Reeve, Miss Walter Foot, Mr. Tom Goode, Mr. R. Chapman, Miss Ethel Frances Greene, Miss Alice Mosley. Next week: "The Sunshine Girl."

**ROYAL.**—P. Mr. J. Charles Imeson; A. M. Mr. George Imeson.—This week (twice nightly): Mr. Tom H. Taylor's company in "The Labour Leader." Cast includes: Messrs. Harry Tresham, Sidney Grant, Benson North, Percy Boucher, Harold Martin, E. Clarke, H. C. Lancelley, Alfred Ames, Misses Alice Baines, Bertha Brocklehurst, Kathleen Bishop, Frances J. May, and Lillian Herries. Next week: "Rogues of Society."

**EMPIRE.**—M. D. Mr. William Bastiman; M. D. Mr. W. K. Chatto; M. D. Mr. Walter Scott.—This week (twice nightly): Macdonald and Young's production "The River Girl"; Damrell and Rutland, the Two Butterflies, Frances and Gladys Henderson, Miss Bertie Fowler, the Russell Trio, Nat Gold, Ida Wise, and pictures. **HIPPODROME.**—P. Mr. Thomas Thompson; G. M. Mr. Tom Goode; M. D. Mr. Henry J. Waldron.—This week (twice nightly): Eight Cycling Jackson Family; Three Diamonds, dancers; Leo Fields, in burlesque; and pictures.

**RECAME.**  
ROYALTY THEATRE.—P. Messrs. F. and E. Burgess; G. M. Mr. E. Burgess.—This week: The London Criterion company in "Oh, I say!" Cast includes: Misses Anna Rutland, D. Clancy, C. Clare, J. W. Braithwaite, C. Shedden, L. Cumey, C. Wood, Messrs. W. Hartill, J. C. Neville, W. Matthews, S. Riche, W. Wimbush, M. Reid, A. Sydney, F. Kirby, B. Hutton, R. Thornton, and F. Wheatley.

**NEW PAVILION.**—P. and S. M. Mr. Geo. Hall.—This week: The Merry Japs, with Misses Moile Eagers, Gaila Denza, Messrs. Geo. Hall, Will Bass, Frank Bass, W. Cruikshank, and H. Lawrence.

**WEST END PIER.**—P. The West End Pier Co., Ltd.; G. M. & S. Mr. E. G. Bradshaw.—This week: Dan Harrier's concert party, the Players, including Misses Connie Mitchell, Amie Stewart, Isa Gibson, Maudie Gray, Messrs. Dan Hardie, and pictures.

**LEITH.**  
GAIETY THEATRE.—P. Mr. F. R. Graham-Yooll; G. M. Mr. R. M. St. Moore; M. D. Mr. John Crossley.—This week (twice nightly): Dix and Dox musicians; Palette and his performing dogs, and pictures. Matinee, Saturday, 2.30.

**LINCOLN.**  
THEATRE ROYAL.—L. Mr. W. Payne Seddon; R. M. Mr. Percy Tyler.—This week (twice nightly, for three nights): Taylor Platt's Co. in "Milestones." Cast includes: Mr. Gerald Mirrielees, Mr. Frank Snell, Mr. Graham Herington, Mr. Geo. Morgan, Mr. Cedric Bennett, Mr. Alex. Clifton, Mr. A. Saunders, Mr. Bert Dixon, Miss Agnes Lowson, Miss Dorothy Hall, Miss Amy O'Donohoe, Miss Hilda Gregory, Miss M. Williams, Miss Lily O'Donohoe. On Thursday, Friday, and Saturday: Will H. Glaze presents "Mother to Guide her." Cast includes: Mr. John Plume, Mr. Charles Drew, Mr. Wm. Walker, Miss Marie Florence, Miss Marie Tennant, Miss Irene Graham, Mr. George Gormley, Mr. George R. J. Austin, Mr. T. W. Dunscombe, Mr. Fred A. Marston, C. Woods, Mr. C. Arthur Fairford, Mr. Fred W. Wynne, Mr. Alfred Morris. Matinee, Wednesday, 2.30.

**LLANDUDNO.**  
GRAND THEATRE.—M. Mr. A. G. Pugh; A. M. Mr. C. N. Davies.—This week (first three nights): Mr. Herbert Randall's Co. in "The Girl in the Train." Last three nights of Mr. Charles Stretton's Co. in "The Gay Lord Quex." **PRINCE'S THEATRE.**—L. & M. Mr. Revill Hall.—Dugard, banjoist; and pictures.

**HIPPODROME.**—L. & M. Mr. W. H. Taylor.—Castilian Quintette, Nestah, Annetta Campbell, and pictures.

**PIER HEAD PAVILION.**—L. & M. Mr. A. Sutcliffe.—Charley Harvey, J. A. Tunbridge, Harry Merrylees, Arthur Sutcliffe, Albert Royle, and Alec Chentrens.

**LONGTON.**  
QUEEN'S THEATRE.—P. Longton Theatres, Ltd.; G. M. Mr. H. Sheriff Howard.—This week (twice nightly): Queen's Repertory Co. in "A Thief in the Night" on Monday to Wednesday. "A Bunch of Violets" on Thursday and Friday. "The Woman in Red" on Saturday night. Company includes: F. B. Wouffe, Charles Cameron, Terry Davies, Frank Pettigall, Ernest H. Allen, Henry Parr, Edgar C. Milton, Fred Blake, Henry Ernestine, Ruby Les, Marie Thorne, Irene Sheppard, Ethel Denby, Edith Loraine.

**LUTON.**  
GRAND THEATRE.—P. Mr. B. Graham-Falcon; B. M. Mr. Louis J. Beard.—Twice nightly: J. A. Campbell's Co. including Mr. T. Lionel Ellis, Miss Constance Glenahy, and Miss Alice Bows, in "The Coastguard's Daughter."

**MALDEN.**  
TOWN HALL.—The Town Clerk.—This week: G. Carlton Wallace's company in "The Woman Conquers." Cast includes: Messrs. Charles Langton, Hugh Wallace, J. Wilman, George Dyke, William Flood, J. Fulton Miller, Fred Varnold, Henry Chalmers, Thomas Farmer, G. B. Seymour, Herbert Benson, Misses Hetty Ferguson, Betty Debenham, Jessie Campbell, Maud Crossley.

**HIPPODROME.**—P. & M. Mr. George Gode.—This week: Georges Rossie, Hettie Chapman, Eva James, Clauda Raynor, Harry Marie, The Caureys, Dan Doyle, Millie Norrey, Cole and Stainer.

**MARGATE.**  
THEATRE ROYAL.—M. Mr. Frank Weathersby.—This week (once nightly): G. Carlton Wallace presents "The Woman Conquers." T. M. Mr. Lewin Manning. Cast includes: G. Carlton Wallace, Arthur C. Russell, J. F. Vernon, Lewin Manning, Lawrence J. Lawrence, Fred L. Cunningham, Sam Springham, Richard James, C. H. Morgan, G. Poulton Turner, Ernie Barrar, Arlie Francis, Chas. Hartop, Wm. Richardson, Misses Cherry Veyne, F. O. Norman, Adeline Raby, and Hettie Senior.

**THEATRE ROYAL.**—L. The South Wales Entertainments, Ltd.; G. M. Mr. J. W. Wilkin.—This week: "A Blind Girl's Love," presented by Mr. Charles Locke. Cast includes: Messrs. Elton Morgan, G. Poulton Turner, Ernie Barrar, Arlie Francis, Chas. Hartop, Wm. Richardson, Misses Cherry Veyne, F. O. Norman, Adeline Raby, and Hettie Senior.

**MERTHYR TYDFIL.**  
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**NEW PAVILION.**—P. and S. M. Mr. Geo. Hall.—This week: The Merry Japs, with Misses Moile Eagers, Gaila Denza, Messrs. Geo. Hall, Will Bass, Frank Bass, W. Cruikshank, and H. Lawrence.

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Oswald Battie, Ted Seed, Harry Mills, Walter Hume, and the Two Antipons.

**TOWER.**—P. The Morecambe Tower and Estates Co., Ltd.; G. M. Mr. H. R. V. Addenbrooke. This week: Hans and Fritz, chimpanzees, and pictures.

**CENTRAL PIER.**—P. The New Morecambe Pier Co., Ltd.; G. M. Mr. J. Kelall.—This week: The Gema concert party, including Mr. Kennedy Allen, and Herr Joh Beck's Royal Hungarian Band.

**WINTER GARDENS.**—P. Messrs. W. H. Broadhead and Son; G. M. Mr. P. Broadhead; R. A. M. Mr. A. H. Read.—This week: Tom Golt, comedian; the Great Athalia, athlete; Alice Edwards, male impersonator; Arthur Ferris, stock-whip manipulator; the Frohmans, in musical scene; the Austel "4," in music; Lester and Moore, comedy duo; and pictures.

**MOTHERWELL.**  
EMPIRE.—M. D. Mr. J. E. Atkinson; R. M. Mr. F. Cunliffe; M. D. Mr. Hadyn P. Halstead.—This week: Housin and Il Juggler; Lizzie Glenroy, comedienne; Avis and Barre, conjurers; Kathleen, comedienne; Four Improvments, comedians; and pictures.

**CRAGNEUK VARIETY THEATRE.**—P. Craigneuk Picture and Variety Co., Ltd.; R. M. Mr. C. H. Williams.—This week: Hilda Fern and Harry Wallace, singers; Annie Stewart, vocalist; Sandy Campbell, comedian; and pictures.

**MOUNTAIN ASH.**  
NEW THEATRE.—P. Messrs. Nixon's Workmen; M. Mr. J. Curnow.—This week: Four Rio Bros., gymnasts; Emily Schofield, entertainer; Jack Crew, comedian; Four Bontons, in vaudeville.

**EMPIRE.**—M. D. Mr. Victor W. Rowe; R. M. Mr. E. Perry; M. D. Mr. W. J. Walters.—This week: Daisy Morrill, in ragtime; Major Wix, musician; Jess and Tony, comedians; and pictures.

**NEATH.**  
GNOLL HALL.—P. The Gnoil Picture and Variety Co., Ltd.; G. M. Mr. Vivian Aldridge; M. D. Mr. M. G. M. But.—This week (twice nightly): Clifton presents the Five X Rays; Sisters Selwyn, duettists; Wells and Bonnie; pictures.

**NEWPORT.**  
EMPIRE.—P. Messrs. E. J. L. Ltd.; M. D. Mr. Frank Allen; A. M. Mr. J. H. Milburn.—This week (twice nightly): Signor Arvi presents the Arvi Mystery, Larola, Carter Livercy and Lillian Rosebery, Carl Lynn, animal mimic; A. U. MacNaghten, Scottish Meistersinger; Arthur Ferris, in character studies; The Macnaghtens, pictures.

**NORTHAMPTON.**  
NEW THEATRE.—P. P. Northampton Theatre Syndicate, Ltd.; M. D. Mr. Walter T. Simmons; R. M. Mr. Percy H. Galt.—This week (twice nightly): Foreman and Fannan, comedians; the Balmors, in musical scene; Jolly Jimmy Walker, Curtis Leo, conjurer; Frank Cass, comedian; the Leonard Bros., clowns; Miss Elsie Mallpass, in entertainment; and the Sutcliffe Family, acrobats.

**NORTH SHIELDS.**  
THEATRE ROYAL.—L. & M. Mr. Stanley Rogers; A. M. Mr. Horace Lee.—This week (twice nightly): "From Shon Girl to Duchess." Cast includes: Messrs. Legerion J. Hick, John Rake, Jonnen Meadows, Edwin Morton, P. Thorpe Tracey, John Riley, William Byron, Evan Roand, and Misses Cissie Bellamy, Lillian Earle, Nelly Sinclair, Elsie Macintosh, Irene Thornton, and Gladys Brittain.

**BOROUGH THEATRE.**—P. & M. Messrs. Black Bros.; R. M. Mr. Percy Gibson; M. D. Mr. Fred Riddale.—This week (twice nightly): The "Brothers in Arms," Frank E. France, comedian; Dudley Dale and his two boy assistants, in dancing; and pictures.

**NORTHWICH.**  
NEW PAVILION, LTD.—P. D. Messrs. Hamilton and Hughes; M. D. Mr. Harry T. Cornhill; M. D. Mr. Arthur W. Parry.—This week: Dickie Clare's company is here in the musical plays, "Lucky Liza" and "Dolly Dye." Cast includes: Messrs. Dickie Clare, F. W. Benson, Donald Moore, J. W. George, J. W. Benson, Mr. Bert Collins, Geo. Minto, Will Murray, and Jack Leaser, and Misses Minnie Millward, Winnie Bolton, Rosie Coyne, Vera Best, Lily Lancaster, Elsie Smythe, Lily Peare, and Helen Douglas.

**OLDHAM.**  
THEATRE ROYAL.—Sole P. Mr. Fred Morgan.—This week (once nightly): The Moody Manners Opera Co., Ltd. Monday, "Faust"; Tuesday, "Elijah"; Wednesday, "Carmen"; Thursday, "The Trovatore"; Friday, "Lohengrin." Saturday matinee, 2.30, "Elijah" and Saturday evening, "Faust." Company includes: Miss Cartwright, Miss J. McCarthy, Miss Burns, Miss D. McCarthy, Mme. Gilderoy Scott, Miss Lily Moody, Miss Florence Morden, Mr. Charles Moonhouse, Mr. Albert Bowyer, Mr. H



Edward Winter, Mr. Douglas Earle, Mr. Weston Hubbard, Mr. Cecil Maynard, Messrs. Lovell and Boyce, Mr. Leonard, Mr. Miss Dudley Herbert, Miss Molly Richardson, Miss Jean MacLaren, Miss Rene Tremaine, Miss Elsie Moore, Miss Edith Carlisle, Miss Helen Dane, Lily C. Bandman. Next week: "The Private Secretary."

**PALACE.**—P. Oldham Empire Theatre of Varieties, Ltd.; M. D. M. J. Platt. This week (twice nightly): Arthur Aston, comedian; Jenny Johns, comedienne; Jack Harris, comedian; Velanche's Football Dogs; Dorothy Carmen and Co.; the Adra Trio, acrobats; Linden and McCrave, in absurdity; Six Musical Colobers, pictures.

**HIPPODROME.**—P. Oldham Empire Theatre of Varieties Co., Ltd.; M. Mr. Ernest Dottridge. This week (twice nightly): Fred Dixon as the railway guard; and pictures.

**NEW THEATRE.**—P. The Oxford Theatre Co., Ltd.; M. D. M. J. Lucas; S. M. S. G. Dorn. This week (twice nightly): High Dives company, roller skaters; Jack Judge, comedian; the Three Orros, gymnasts; Little Rina Davne, entertainer; Yazo, violinist; Fox and Melville, song illustrators; Young and Evans, comedians; and pictures.

**FAIRLEY.**—P. The Oxford Theatre Co., Ltd.; M. D. M. J. Lucas; S. M. S. G. Dorn. This week (twice nightly): Florio Ford, singer; Tom E. Dean, comedian; Violet Romaine, vocalist; Cowboy Williams, juggler; Barney Murphy, comedian; Jackley and Le Sine, acrobats; Naughton and Gold, comedians; and pictures.

**WHITE'S PICTURE PALACE, QUEEN STREET.**—M. Mr. Alf Shirley. This week: 10 Yorkshire Rustics, in musical scene; The Musical Florentines; and pictures, Saturday, at 3.

**ALHAMBRA.**—P. and M. Messrs. W. Forrester and Sons. This week (once nightly): Saturday Matinee; Looies and Stockdale, comedy duo; Alf Brooks, dame comedian; Edie Anderson, come, enne and dancer, and the usual selection of pictures.

**GRAND 1. THEATRE.**—P. Mr. W. E. Willis; R. M. Mr. James Gann; M. D. M. G. Whittington. This week (twice nightly): The Three Mahers, dancers; Zaleski, the golden spider; Madge, the little pocket Brummel; Jess Thorne, comedy queen; Lew Willis, vocalist; and pictures. Next week: "Under the Canopy."

**WORKMEN'S HALL.**—M. Mr. H. Salway; M. D. Mr. Joe Leslie. This week (twice nightly): Dally and her Eight Stars; and pictures. Matinee, Wednesday, 10.30.

**PAVILION.**—P. Pavilion, Ltd.; M. D. Mr. W. Billie Slack; R. M. Mr. Fred Heath. Last week the 2 S. D. paid a return visit here, and were given a reception.

**ST. JOHN'S HALL.**—Messrs. A. J. Rogers & Son are to be congratulated on presenting Miss Inez Howard's excellent company (under the direction of Mr. Henry Chastell) in "The Monk and the Woman," which was played to large and appreciative audiences on Monday and Tuesday evenings.

**PETERBOROUGH.**—THEATRE ROYAL.—L. & M. Lieut. Col. J. A. Winstanley. This week: Mr. Cyril Maude's Co. in "Love and Hate"; and pictures. Next week: Messrs. Maitland Marler, C. Cyril Leighton, Stacey Gaunt, Edward Ouston, Dennis Kempe, Victor Hardy, Misses Gladys Gaunt, Cynthia Challis, Millicent Ward, Inez Harman, and Jane Comfort.

**PLYMOUTH.**—P. Messrs. Hawkins and Frank; M. Mr. Fred Hawkins. This week: The Godfrey Trio in "Empire Rehearsals"; Cissie Harrington, comedienne; Julie Ascot, vocalist; Fred Dice, vocalist; Fanny Francis, male impersonator; Bert and Faye, in "The Fiddler's Romance"; and pictures.

**ALHAMBRA THEATRE.**—L. Mr. George Tarrant. Here this week are Horace Stanley and Co. in "The 10.30 Down Express." Cast includes: Messrs. Harry Scott, George Arthur, Arthur Cheevers, T. B. Brabazon, Will Scott, Horace Stanley, William Hayward, George Jackson, Fred Stephens, Chris Loates, Thomas Dunn, J. H. Barker, Misses Maggie English, Clara Santley, Hilda Miller, Kate Killick.

**NEW THEATRE.**—P. Messrs. Trenchard and Jones; M. Mr. Charles Trenchard; A. M. Mr. William Trenchard. This week: Mr. J. Bannister Howard's Co. in "The Belle of New York." Cast includes: Messrs. Leslie Austin, Ernest Gifford, John Sanger, John Schofield, Tom Warren, A. Lawrence, Thos. Dixon, Misses Gabrielle Gordon, Dorothy Farnham, Florence Herkne.

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**PALACE THEATRE.**—P. Messrs. William Henry Broadhead and Son; R. A. M. Mr. William J. Boyle; Mus. D. Mr. William Davidson. This week (twice nightly): A. M. Loader presents "Her Side of the House." Cast includes: Philip Anthony, Herbert Maule, Walton Wynne, Cyril Walter, Frederick Castleman, Charles Bealey, T. Rose, F. E. Smith, Marjorie Murray, Moira Cregan, Winifred Bateman, Isabel Omead, Rose Hersey, Winifred Laurence.

**ROYAL PALACE THEATRE.**—Sole L. & M. Mr. W. J. Aitack. This week: T. Edward Ward's company in "The Slave Girl." Cast includes: Messrs. E. Holland Day, Fred Rivers, J. W. Wildaah, Tom Lyle, Miss Emily Entwistle, and Miss Ward.

**ROYAL COUNTY THEATRE.**—P. & M. Messrs. Milton Bode and Edward Compton. This week (once nightly): Mr. Alfred Denny presents "The Miracle." Cast includes: Messrs. Clifford Rean, J. H. Clydes, Dobson Paige, F. J. Fox, Geo. E. Taylor, Ronald Camm, Bradford Crosby, J. Edwin, Fred Charles, C. Allan Hine, J. J. Doherty, G. M. Phillips, Roseworth, Geoff Arthur, G. Dures, and Misses Hilda Playfair, P. Bruce, Muriel Monteith, Dorothy Clifton, Cecile Desmond, Gertrude Carten, and Patricia Bostock. Matinee, Wednesday, at 2.30. Next week: "Man and Superman."

**PALACE.**—P. The Reading Palace Theatre of Varieties, Ltd.; R. M. Mr. J. H. Hyslop; Mus. D. Mr. Ernest Farrar. This week (twice nightly): Mary Mayfren and Geo. Pickett present "Big Joe." Cast includes: Florence Lavin, vocalist; Reid and Power, Zelli, juggler; the Four Musical Denvers; Julian Ross, comedian; Ada Cerito, comedienne; the Eight Lancashire Lads, singers; and pictures.

**RED DITCH.**—P. The Reading Palace Co., Ltd.; M. D. Mr. H. K. Hale; R. M. Mr. Len Crow; Mus. D. Mr. Arthur Roby. This week: Miss Marguerite Odonah, Hamilton, popular entertainer; Mr. William Kingsley, handbell soloist; Horace Panay; Leighton and Lindford, in trapeze and dancing act.

**ROCHEDALE.**—THEATRE ROYAL.—P. The Northern Theatres Co., Ltd.; M. D. Mr. William Robinson; G. M. Mr. Otto C. Culling; R. M. Mr. Stanley G. Mus. D. Mr. Fred Carr. This week (twice nightly): Mr. C. Watson Mill presents "The Night Side of London." Cast includes: Mr. Arthur Chisholme, Mr. Harry Tibbory, Mr. W. Mackery, Mr. E. Hall Eldon, Mr. Sydney Andrews, Mr. Western Beecher, Mr. Dick Nugent, Mr. Fred L. Arthur, Mr. George Willis, Mr. Meeres, Mr. Fred L. Moore, Mr. J. D. Evans, Miss Phyllis Brooke, Miss Marie E. Cotton, Miss Josephine Olga, Miss Arline T. George, Miss George Spence, Miss Edith Gregory, Miss Belle Tibbory, Miss Joan Ellis, Thursday, Friday, and Saturday: Mr. Fred Granville presents "Another Man's Wife." Cast includes: Henry Carlisle, Edwin Davies, Arthur Hamer, Fred Morgan, John Lea Hair, Wilfred Grahame, Ambrose Pinder, Mabel Spencer, Lulu Royal, Madge Still, Madeleine Hurst, Geraldine Verner.

**RUSHDEN.**—P. G. M. Mr. W. F. J. Hewitt; R. M. Mr. A. W. Thompson; Mus. D. Mr. Fred Adams. This week (twice nightly): Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday: Mr. Marcus Draper presents "The Christian." Cast includes: Messrs. Marcus Draper, Charles Fielding, Edward Watson, Albert H. Clark, Mr. Alec Forbes, Eric Vivian, H. E. Hutterton, Frank Holyoake, George Swales, Walter Leach, and Misses Olivia Bailey, Ivy May Clarke, Montague Miller, Nellie Murray, Winifred Peters, Mary Branton, and Gladys Farnell.

**PRINCE OF WALES.**—P. Mr. E. B. Goulden; Sole L. Messrs. R. Nightingale and S. S. Gordon; A. M. Mr. D. O. Clark. This week (once nightly): Mr. Eric G. Merrie's company in "At Cripple Creek." Cast includes: Mr. John B. Shenon, Herbert Hollister, Jack Campling, Cyril Jarvis, Harry Benson, Tom Sharpe, Alfred Rochester, Alfred Cooper, Victor Heywood, Arthur Redman, Little Muriel Jackson, Misses Daisy Carlton, Eileen Terence, and Josephine Richards. Matinee, Wednesday, 2.30.

**REGENT THEATRE OF VARIETIES, LTD.**—M. D. Mr. W. Turner; G. M. Mr. Alan D. Dunbar. This week (twice nightly): Daisy Wood, comedienne; Harold Baker, comedian; the Westbrook (Maud and Annie), dancers; Brooklyn Comedy Four, vocalists; the Aerial Smiths, trapeze act; McMahon and Du For, in "The Sleeping Car"; Dolly Lee, coon comedian; the Aza Trio, rag-time terpsichore; Hilda Mostyn, dainty comedienne.

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**THEATRE ROYAL.**—Sole P. & M. Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Garalde; B. M. Mr. P. Morgan. This week (once nightly): Mr. J. Forbes Knowles and Harry Masterman's Co., in "Nick Carter, Detective." Cast includes: J. Forbes Knowles, Miss Mary Scott, Little Nellie Smith, Charles Burdon, William Burgess, Roger Joyner, Edward Wishaw, Frank Thompson, Miss Ella Vane, Billie Owen, Sue Bennet, Edith Manton, Gerald Heathaw, G. Harris, Alfred Dyer, Nellie Waddington, Miss P. Kenyon, and Syd Davies.

**AQUARIUM.**—M. Mr. W. Kitchingman; M. D. Mr. A. G. Candler. This week (twice daily): Mr. Ernest Lord's entertainers, the Excelsiors; Carr and Carlin, singers and dancers; Miss Saxon Devon (operatic soprano) and company will present vocal scene, entitled "Grandad"; Norman Lee, comedian; Jack Cranston, hustling comedian; the Whitworth Trio, cyclists; and pictures. Swimming exhibition by Prof. Stearne, English Channel swimmer, and troupe of ladies.

**SEACOMBE.**—LA SCALA THEATRE.—G. M. Mr. John Gaffney. This week: The Three Donnets, vocalists; Evelyn Bergin, entertainer; Jack Oswald, comedian; Nora St. Albans, vocalist; the Bartons, comedy duo.

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**SHREWSBURY.**—THEATRE ROYAL (Picture House).—P. Cinema Theatres (Midlands, Ltd.); M. Mr. C. P. Gifford. This week (Thurs., Fri., and Sat.): Mr. Geo. Edwards' company in "The Merry Widow." Cast includes: Messrs. Alfred Beers, Adrian Beaumont, Ronald Pomeroy, Ernie Needham, and Misses Grace Wilson, Cecil Haydon, and Katie May.

**SMETHWICK.**—THEATRE ROYAL.—M. Mr. James Chapman. This week (twice nightly): Leonard W. Longhough presents "The Lady Slavey." Cast includes: Albert Chapman, Lily Loton, Dolly Loton, Hilda Stuart, Kitty Upson, Cora Engleton, Maud Leighton, J. C. Piddock, R. Saker, Paul Prasano, W. T. Thompson, M. Mr. Charles Cauley. Next week: "A White Man."

**SOUTHAMPTON.**—P. South of England Hippodromes, Ltd.; M. D. Mr. Walter de Frece; R. M. Mr. H. Yardley. This week (twice nightly): Linga Singh, Hindoo sorcerer; Guy Rider, in successes; May Mars, singer; K. and G. comedy duo; Arthur Reeco, comedian; Elsie Southgate and Dorothy, musicians; Scott and Whaley, comedians; and pictures.

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## THEATRICAL GOSSIP

Sir Herbert Tree, a former president, will take the chair at the Theatrical Managers' Association's send-off luncheon to Mr. Cyril Maude, at the Adelaide Gallery on Tuesday next. Sir John Hare and Sir Squire Bancroft are among the invited guests, and it is anticipated that fifty leading London and provincial managers will assemble to honour their president.

Sir George Alexander has been meeting with an enthusiastic greeting on tour, and his reception at Liverpool last week must have been very gratifying to the eminent actor-manager. Sir George did not escape the attentions of the interviewer, to whom he repeated his conviction that the cinematographic shows were by no means competing with the theatres, but created new audiences.

The effect of music halls upon theatres Sir George regarded with equal equanimity. "I think the great salvation of the theatre," he said, "will be to keep as far away from the music hall element as possible. I have every faith that there is a theatre-going public interested in what we may call the theatre proper, and interested in the production of plays by writers of high intellectual and dramatic power, and of course no art and no commercial theatrical enterprise ought to be thwarted by competition of any kind. It is up to the theatrical manager, of course, to compete with any form of entertainment for the public, but it is not for him, in competing, to copy."

Sir Squire and Lady Bancroft have been renewing their health and vigour by means of a motor tour through North Wales. Sir Squire has promised to distribute the prizes to the students of the medical school at Middlesex Hospital on Wednesday afternoon, Oct. 1, when Prince Alexander of Teck will preside.

The refusal of the players on the first night of "Joseph and His Brethren" to take curtain calls except at the conclusion of the performance, and Sir Herbert Tree's silence when persistently invited to make a speech, are thus explained by Sir Herbert: "Every play should be treated artistically. So in the matter of curtain calls. I thought the calls in front of the curtain between the acts and the actors bowing their acknowledgments would destroy the illusion, therefore we decided not to bow our thanks. I also refrained from making a speech, as I thought any words of mine would sound banal after those to which the audience had just listened."

Sir Herbert Tree has come into the gallery of the pavement artist, and a portrait of the eminent actor-manager in the patriarchal beard of Jacob adorned the flagstones of the Embankment last week, the very centre of a selection of naval scenes, landscapes, and the usual stock in trade of the alfresco artist. Can any other actor claim such distinction?

The re-opening of the Royal Princess's, Glasgow, on Monday was made notable by the large audience who rallied to this favourite drama house, and also by the improvement made in the appearance of the theatre by the new decorations, all in light and attractive shades of colour. A new act drop by the resident artist here, Mr. J. C. Bontor, represents the Via Santa Maria, Venice, and was much admired. It is really one of the best things this clever artist has done.

Sir Johnstone Forbes-Robertson made a speech brief but splendidly optimistic at the conclusion of his farewell tour at Blackpool on Saturday. Nothing in the way of music, pictures, and musical comedies, he said, could really rival the power of the legitimate drama. "Don't heed pessimists," he added, "who say the palmists of the drama are over. The drama was never better than to-day, and far more actors recruited from all classes of society are carrying on the work with fine energy and splendid confidence."

Forty years' experience, continued the eminent actor, had shown him that things were gradually growing better, and he had found dramatists writing plays on subjects they could not possibly have dealt with when he went on the stage. A band of men in London in active management lived not simply for the box-office, but for high ideals, and younger men than he, like Martin Harvey, Benson, and others, were carrying the torch of enlightenment.

Mr. Martin Harvey, accompanied by Miss N. de Silva, Mr. Charles Glenney, and his fine company, opened his autumn tour at the Theatre Royal, Nottingham, last week with a bill consisting of Mr. Knablauch's comedy, "The Pawn," "The Only Way," "The Taming of the Shrew," in the production presented by Mr. Harvey during this summer at the Prince of Wales Theatre, and his new setting of "Hamlet." Every item in the repertory met with the most enthusiastic reception from crowded houses, that staunch old favourite, "The Only Way," receiving a magnificent send-off in its approaching journey through Canada. In the intervals of the performance a collection was made under the auspices of the Women's Aerial League in aid of the fund for the relatives of the late Colonel Cody. This week Mr. Harvey is repeating the same repertory at the Royal Court Theatre, Liverpool.

An attack on "Joseph and His Brethren" has been made by Sir Dyce Duckworth, consulting physician at St. Bartholomew's Hospital, who, in a letter to the Press, says he regards the licensing of the play as "a further indication of a decay in our national character, and forming a dangerous set-back to the reverence and respect due to the book which, whatever interpretations modern research may have given to parts of it, is still, and has long been, the guide and comfort of the best lives that we have known in this world." He regarded it in the light of a national disgrace.

Such scathing criticism comes rather as a surprise after the many letters and telegrams of congratulation from eminent clergymen, leaders of education, and serious professional people of every description, that Sir Herbert Tree has received, and he naturally feels, to say the least, astonished. Sir Herbert is well capable of defending himself, but perhaps the most effective answer to the attack is furnished by the vast audiences that are flocking to His Majesty's, and the record advance bookings.

Commenting on the letter, the author, Mr. Louis N. Parker, said that he had had twenty-five years' experience as a playwright and producer of spectacular drama, but that neither Sir Herbert Tree nor himself had ever come within measurable distance of producing a play which could be called "disgraceful" in any sense of the word. He characterised Sir Dyce Duckworth's letter as an extremely insulting and impertinent communication, insulting because it cast an entirely gratuitous stigma upon Sir Herbert and himself, with neither of whom Sir Dyce was acquainted, and impertinent because the writer of the letter, on his own confession, had not seen the play, and therefore was not in a position to pass such sweeping criticisms upon it.

Miss Marie Lohr will be Mr. H. B. Irving's leading lady when he opens his season in "The Grand Seigneur" at the Savoy. Miss Lohr's most recent London performance was in "Doormats," at Wyndham's, when as Leila Gale she added appreciably to the circle of her admirers.

Mr. Irving has also been a much-regretted absentee from the London stage. Excepting his appearance at the Royal performance of "London Assurance" at the St. James's, he has not been seen here since November, though in the meantime he was winning laurels in South Africa. The production of "Le Grand Seigneur" is fixed for Saturday, Oct. 4. The action of the piece is laid in the early period of the French Revolution.

The Welsh drama, which has lately made courageous attempts to assert itself, is to be given a chance in London. It will be in the nature of a drama, entitled "The Joneses," written by Lawrence Cowen, who, to our knowledge, makes no claim to come from the land of the leek, but has set himself to depict life in a Welsh village of sixty years ago. The play will be produced at the Strand when "The Barrier" shall have concluded its successful run, and the leading rôle, that of the only Englishman in the piece, will be played by Mr. Matheson Lang, the remainder of the characters being entrusted to Welsh actors and actresses.

The Queen's Theatre, redecorated and improved, reopens its doors on Saturday, Sept. 27, with "This Way, Madame!" which will be presented under the management of Messrs. Mark and Sydney Blow. During the recess important changes have been effected in the auditorium, including the construction of a row of boxes at the back of the dress circle. The prices of admission have been revised, and a certain number of stalls will be obtainable at 7s. 6d. Two orchestras will contribute to the enjoyment of the Queen's patrons—one in front of the footlights and the other in the entrance vestibule.

A novel scheme is in contemplation for the re-opening of the theatre. It will be open nearly all day, and the general public will be encouraged to drop in when they please to use the telephone, listen to the orchestra in the foyer, get advice on travel, book seats for the theatre or a passage to America, drink afternoon tea, watch tango dances, and otherwise make themselves thoroughly at home. The all-day orchestra proposal, however, is subject to the approval of the Lord Chamberlain.

"Oh, I Say!" is playing to capital business, with three companies on tour this autumn, and so great is the demand for dates that a fourth company will start on tour early in October. "House full" boards are the order nightly at the Criterion.

Mr. Mark Blow's office is now at the Queen's Theatre. Mr. Blow will be the general manager for "This Way, Madame," and will still remain general manager for "Oh, I Say!" at the Criterion.

Mr. Edmund Payne, we learn, has just signed a new contract with Mr. George Edwards for four years. His next appearance will be at the Adelphi Theatre.

We have had actors who have been barristers, and barristers who have been actors, but rarely both combined in one person and on one day. Mr. F. B. J. Sharp, however, apparently blends these two professions, for he was last Wednesday called upon to prosecute on behalf of the Crown at the Old Bailey in the case of Rex v. Harriet Kimber for attempted murder, and in the evening was to be seen playing Cayley Drummie in "The Second Mrs. Tanqueray" at Hammersmith. The unfortunate woman tried before the Common Serjeant (Sir F. Bosanquet) was found guilty.

During the Festival Week of the British Empire Shakespeare Society at Weston-super-Mare commencing Sept. 29, members from the ten branches will take part. There will be three representatives of the part of Portia, as well as of Shylock. A reception will be given on Wednesday night to members and distinguished Shakespeareans in the West of England, Lord Kingsburgh, president of the Edinburgh branch, presiding. On Tuesday afternoon Professor Gollancz will speak on "The Society and the Tercenary of Shakespeare," and on Thursday afternoon Mr. Stephen Phillips will give a lecture, entitled "Shakespeare and the Supernatural."

"The Pearl Girl" will be presented at the Shaftesbury on Thursday, Sept. 25. In the rôle Miss Iris Hoy will figure as Secretary and Typist at the Palmyra Pearl premises, who by a curious contingency is called upon to impersonate a rich and beautiful visitor from the Argentine, who has in her possession jewels of fabulous worth, including the world-famous Pelligrina pearl. The temptation in which the Pearl Girl is thus placed, and the way in which she emerges from it, form the subject of the play.

A reminder may be given of the complimentary luncheon to be given to Mr. F. R. Benson at the Whitehall Rooms to-morrow (Thursday). The general committee has been largely increased, among the new additions being the Earl of Selborne, Lord Milner, Sir Arthur Conan Doyle, Sir James Crichton-Browne, Sir Oliver Lodge, Mr. Arnold Bennett, Mr. W. L. Courtney, and Mr. John Masefield.

Mr. John Glendinning's attractive play, "The Rosary," continues to meet with much success. At Blackpool and Birkenhead business was very great, and at Grimsby this week the popularity of the play was testified to by large and enthusiastic audiences. The Shakespeare Theatre, Liverpool, will be visited on Oct. 6. Mr. G. Steer-Flinders, the original Kenward Wright, re-joins "The Rosary" next week, and Miss Nina Blake Adams has been engaged to play the leading part of Alice Wilton. Alert and courteous Mr. H. J. Snelson is acting as Mr. John Glendinning's business manager.

A popular quartet of players has been secured for "Collision," by Bridget MacLagan, to be given under the management of Norman McKinnel and Frederick Whelan at the Vaudeville on Wednesday, Oct. 1. The principals of the cast are Miss Alice Crawford, Miss Grace Lane, Mr. Malcolm Cherry, and Mr. Norman McKinnel.

Mr. J. A. Campbell's elaborate production of "The Queen Mother" concludes its three weeks' run at the Elephant and Castle Theatre on Saturday. The play has met with liberal patronage, and the Press notices have all been most flattering. The production opens at the Alexandra Theatre, Birmingham, on Monday for twelve nights and two matinees.

Mrs. Waldemar Leverton will produce four new one-act plays at her matinee at the Court Theatre on Friday. The programme will comprise "Father," an East-End episode, by B. T. Sweeney; "Fantasy and Flame," a dramatic playlet, by Lancelotti Oliphant; "For Valour," a pathetic incident, by T. G. Walsingham; and "Basilides Amoris (the Microbe of Love)," a farcical trifle, by Carlotta Rowe and Raymond Le Caudey.

The Command Performance of "The Headmaster," by Mr. Cyril Maude and company at Balmoral on Saturday, went off with éclat. Mr. Maude and his company travelled overnight from Manchester, reaching Balmoral Castle at eleven o'clock in the morning. The performance was given in the ballroom, the stage and appointments being on a miniature scale, but none the less perfect. The proscenium was beautifully draped with rose du Bari coloured poplin, and the Royal dais was richly carpeted and upholstered.

The Royal group consisted of the King and Queen, the Prince of Wales, Prince Albert, Princess Mary, Princess Henry and George, the Princess Royal, the Duchess of Fife, Princess Maud, Princess Henry of Battenberg, Prince Leopold, and Princess Louise of Schleswig-Holstein. There was a large and distinguished company, and the tenants and gillies on the Royal estate were also invited.

Mr. Maude was at his best in the rôle, and the King and Queen laughed heartily at the droll dialogue, while the humour of the piece appealed irresistibly to the young Princes. Miss Margery Maude made a winning Portia Sanctuary, and the other members of the cast were Miss Kathleen Jones, Mr. Edward Cambermere, Mr. John Harwood, Mr. James Dale, Miss Lena Halliday, Mr. Arthur Curtis, Mr. Jack Hobbs, Master Roy Royston, Master Kendrick Hurham.

At the close of the piece Mr. Cyril Maude and Miss Maude were received by the King and Queen, who expressed their great delight with the play. Subsequently the company were entertained to supper in the Castle. As a souvenir of the performance Mr. Maude was presented with a diamond pin bearing the King's monogram, and Miss Margery Maude with a brooch.

In an interview with a Press representative, Mr. Maude said: "I was delighted to know that The Headmaster thoroughly won the hearts of the Royal audience, from the King and Queen downwards. The young Princes were specially delighted. When the curtains were finally rung down their Majesties sent for me and were ever so kind. Both assured me how thoroughly they had enjoyed the comedy. Indeed, they said they found it impossible to say which particular part they liked best, it was all so natural, and they were kind enough to congratulate Miss Maude and myself on the respective parts we had filled. They also charged me to tell my company, each individual of it, how much they appreciated their efforts, and the distance they had travelled, and the fatigue they had undergone to fill the engagement."

Miss Marie Tempest reopens the Playhouse Theatre to-morrow (Thursday) with "Mary Goes First," the new four-act comedy by Henry Arthur Jones. The curtain will rise the first night at 7.30 p.m., for the convenience of the critics, and subsequently at 8.30. Miss Tempest's costumes are likely to be something out of the common. The action of the play passes throughout in one scene, and the drawing-room in which it passes is provided with only one door, which, however different it may be from the usual stage set, is a degree nearer to realism.

Mr. Frank Lacy has been re-engaged by Sir Johnston Forbes-Robertson for the same parts he played in Sir Johnston's recent season at Drury Lane, and sailed for the United States on Tuesday on the Franconia.

The New Free People's Stage Society (Neue Freie Volksbühne) of Berlin, which has provided classical plays at nominal prices for the poorer classes for many years, has now laid the stone for its own theatre. The building, which is situated in a central part of the West, will seat 2,000 persons. It is hoped that it will be opened within a year.

Miss Florence Glossop-Harris and Mr. Frank Cellier will commence their eighth annual tour on Monday next at Hastings, where they will play "A Midsummer Night's Dream," "The Merchant of Venice," "The Taming of the Shrew," and "Macbeth." The experiment is subsequently to be tried of playing "The Merchant of Venice" and "The Taming of the Shrew," twice nightly, at the Croydon and Richmond Hippodromes. The company will then travel North.

Miss Edyth Goodall resumed her part of Margaret Taylor, the heroine of the Haymarket success, "Within the Law," on Monday. During Miss Goodall's brief holiday the part was played by Miss Ruth Maitland.

The Garrick Theatre Company will give a flying matinee of "The Real Thing" at the Theatre Royal, Birmingham, on Tuesday next. The company will travel by the Great Western Railway, leaving Paddington at 11.5 a.m., reaching Birmingham at 1.5 p.m., returning from Birmingham at 4.50 p.m., and arriving at Paddington two hours later. Dinner will be served on the return journey.

Mme. Yavorska begins her season at the Ambassadors on Saturday with "Mademoiselle Fifi," a play in one act from the French by Guy de Maupassant, and "I Love You," a comedy in three acts by Roberto Bracco, the adaptation of which is by Mr. James Parker. Mme. Yavorska will appear in both plays, and will be supported by Mr. Robert Farquharson, Mr. Edward O'Neill, Mr. Arthur Scott Craven, and Mr. H. de Lange.

The King's Theatre, Hammersmith, next week, will have a powerful attraction in Miss Ethel Warwick, with her company in "Zaza." At the Wimbledon Theatre Mr. Percy Hutchinson's original production from Wyndham's and the New of "Brewster's Millions" will constitute the week's programme.

Miss Horsman's company from the Gaiety Theatre, Manchester, will reopen a season at the Court Theatre, in "Hindle Wakes," on Monday next. With one or two exceptions the cast will be the same as when Mr. Stanley Houghton's piece was last played at the Court.

A mass meeting of composers is announced to be held at the offices of the Society of Authors on Saturday, Oct. 11, at two o'clock. The purposes of the meeting are: (1) The safeguarding of musical property; (2) Acquiring information as to the various rights possessed by composers under the Copyright Act of 1911; (3) Defending, by legal action if necessary, composers' work against infringement; and (4) Resisting any attempt to deprive them of an adequate return for their work.

Mr. F. B. Woulfe writes: "In your notice of the performance of 'Les Misérables,' at the Theatre Royal, Brock-road, Liverpool, last week, you refer to the piece being 'arranged by Mr. E. D. Allen.' In justice to the author, I shall be glad if you will state his name, Mr. Ivan P. Gore. If there is any 'arrangement' in the matter, the credit should be mine, as I prepared the special version, which was submitted to twice nightly form to the Theatre Royal supporters."

## "SEALED ORDERS."

Drama, in Three Acts, by Cecil Raleigh and Henry Hamilton, Produced at Drury Lane Theatre on Thursday, Sept. 11.

Characters in Act I.  
John Le Page ..... Mr. C. M. Hallard  
Ellen Le Page ..... Miss Mildred Cottell  
Ruth Le Page ..... Miss Marjorie Walker  
Mendel Hart ..... Mr. Robert Ayton  
Bertie Hart ..... Mr. E. H. Kelly  
Monty Bevis ..... Mr. Bryan Powley  
Joe Allan ..... Mr. Clifton Alderson  
Bill Corry ..... Mr. Herbert Vyvyan  
Harry Symonds ..... Mr. George Forrest  
Inspector ..... Mr. Henry Leader  
Characters in Acts II. and III.  
Hannibal K. Calhoun ..... Mr. Hale Hamilton  
Mrs. O'Mara ..... Miss Fanny Brough  
Admiral Lord Hugh Gaveston  
Mr. Edward Sams  
Miss Madge Fabian  
Gaston Fournal ..... Mr. C. M. Hallard  
Ruth Fournal ..... Miss Myrtle Tannehill  
Hon. Denis Willoughby ..... Mr. Langborne Burton  
Edward Hay ..... Mr. Forrester Harvey  
Cecil Drummond ..... Mr. Gerald Ames  
Lady Violet Faux ..... Miss Alice Charles  
Baron Kurdmann ..... Mr. Julian Royce  
Lady Outhwaite ..... Miss Violet Lewis  
Rt. Hon. Ronald Caversham  
Mr. Arthur Caird  
Mr. Laurence Caird  
Bertie Hart ..... Mr. E. H. Kelly  
Joe Allan ..... Mr. Clifton Alderson  
Old Alf ..... Mr. E. W. Royce  
Auctioneer ..... Mr. Fred Pearce  
Ned Corry ..... Mr. Dealer Warren  
Ginger ..... Mr. Dealer Morgan  
Capt. Pomfret ..... Mr. A. Robertson  
Admiral Van Rinkel ..... Mr. C. Towle  
Admiral Don Diego Valdes ..... Mr. P. Hughes  
Sacha ..... Mr. Herbert Wilson  
Duchess of Farborough

Miss Jean Bloomfield  
Miss Florence Vaughan  
Mr. Cecil Raleigh has, in his time, written dramas of various descriptions for Drury Lane. His favourite string is a horsey one, but once, in "The Great Millionaire," he dealt dramatically with the great problem of Trusts. His and Mr. Henry Hamilton's latest effort is less sentimental, perhaps, than some of his previous ones; that is to say, it relies more on construction and actuality than on an appeal to such national feelings as those for horseflesh and heroism. Charles Reade, in the preface to one of his novels, boasted that he would make up his book entirely of current events, whereas another would try to do the same thing and fail. Messrs. Raleigh and Hamilton have certainly not failed. The matter which they use falls into its right place naturally, and their first act is a model of its kind. Aspiring young playwrights should study this as showing "how it's done." What a valuable lecturer Mr. Raleigh would make at the proposed School of Playwriting! But, alas! the skill with which he and Mr. Hamilton weave their spells is not to be taught. It is a gift of the gods, and much to be envied and admired.

"Sealed Orders" is what, in slang phrase, is known as "the limit." It is the most ingenious dove-tailing together of contemporary actualities with an admirably invented plot that Mr. Cecil Raleigh and Mr. Henry Hamilton have ever done—and that is saying a good deal. Without wasting space over superlatives, we proceed at once to sketch the story. We may say at once that the task is not an easy one. The very expertness with which every screw and rivet is fitted renders it difficult to give an idea of this stupendous structure without diverging into side issues. Indeed, so much in the piece depends on these minor episodes that one cannot pass over them entirely. Broadly speaking, then, the action is started by the gambling proclivities of John Le Page, foreign correspondence clerk in the office of Mendel Hart and Son, diamond merchants, of Hatton Garden. He bets to win money first to provide his late wife and afterwards his little daughter, Ruth, with luxuries. His employer, who will have no one in his employment who gambles in his own phrase, "who takes no chances," gives him the "sack" and his salary for three months, and, left in the office alone, Le Page decides to poison himself, leaving Ruth the insurance on his life. Of course, the poison must be an untraceable one, and it is a drug of this sort that Le Page pours out, and is about to drink, when through the ceiling comes the point of an umbrella. It is let down by a couple of burglars—who are seen through a transparency working in the room above—to catch the portions of plaster detached by their cutting through, and is soon followed by one of the thieves, a burglar, Bill Corry, who is after the £20,000 worth or so of diamonds which lie in the safe below. He opens the safe, gets dry with his work, sees the glass of sherry containing the poison, drinks it off, and falls dead. Le Page, getting on with the jewels and Corry's "pal," Joe Allan, being arrested for the murder of his friend.

This, a perfect first act for a drama, occurs twenty years before the second, at the opening of which Le Page has changed his name to Gaston Fournal, and is the secret agent of a foreign Government, working with one Baron Kurdmann, its Ambassador. Their object is to secure certain Sealed Orders which will have important influence on national relations, and have been issued to Admiral Lord Hugh Gaveston, whose pretty wife, Lady Felicia, is deeply in debt, and like Martin Chuzzlewit in the pawnshop, "wants money sorely." To raise the much-needed cash she tries her luck at a gambling house in Watton Square, where she is taken at her request by Baron Kurdmann. It is raided by the police, and the Ambassador, who is, of course, sacred from arrest, has to extricate Lady Felicia by taking her on his arm and declaring her to be his wife.

Lady Felicia is now approached by Fournal, who offers her a large sum if she will obtain the Sealed Orders. The Admiral keeps them in the safe on his ship, where her jewels are also deposited; so it is easy for her to secure them. She does so, and the Admiral discovers his loss at a reception on board his ship, and asks everyone to be searched.

Now, the Ambassador has written Lady Felicia a letter which is distinctly compromising, referring with Continental gallantry to the occasion when she was "his wife," and this letter falls into the hands of Lieutenant Denis Willoughby, Lady Felicia's brother, who is in love with Ruth Le Page, now, of course, grown up. When the Admiral proposes the searching, Denis refuses to be examined, as he has the epistle on him; and, when they try to seize him he runs up high on the upper deck and does a tremendous jump overboard, which brings down the curtain on the second act, with the audience in a state of frantic delight.

In the third, Joe Allan comes out of prison, and starts out to find where the jewels which disappeared in the first act have got to. He traces them by means of certain false leads—but that is another story—to Fournal, who is about to

start with the Sealed Orders to where a foreign airship lies on some Downs ready to convey the momentous papers abroad. This is the big sensational scene, Ruth, Fournal, and Allan, who has disguised himself as a chauffeur and taken Fournal's man's place, are in the airship. The battleships below are firing hotly at the latter. Allan discovers the identity of Fournal with Le Page, a fight occurs between the men, and they fall overboard, the airship, hit at last by a well-aimed shell, falling into the sea. Ruth is rescued by Denis, the Sealed Orders are recovered, and all ends happily.

Such, briefly, is the history of this extraordinary piece, one of the finest and fullest that has been seen at Drury Lane Theatre for years. It is admirably acted all round. Mr. C. M. Hallard has, if not the most sympathetic, one of the most important parts in that of John Le Page, afterwards Fournal. He plays it in the firm, easily expressive style that is his characteristic, and sustains his power from first to last. A charming and dramatically effective impersonation of Lady Felicia Gaveston is supplied by Miss Madge Fabian, whose beauty enhances the result of her histrionic ability. Mr. Edward Sams enacts Admiral Lord Hugh Gaveston with a nice sense of dignity and excellent style, and Miss Marjorie Walker gives a pleasing performance as Ruth Le Page. Mr. Langborne Burton has a capital part as the Hon. Denis Willoughby, and plays it with vigour and zest; and Mr. Julian Royce endows Baron Kurdmann with due diplomatic smoothness and aplomb. Miss Mildred Cottell makes the most of her opportunities in the first act as Ellen Le Page, and Mr. Clifton Alderson is vividly characteristic as Joe Allan. The two comic personages, who "work together," are Cagliostro, a fortune teller, and Mrs. O'Mara, a face masquerade, and very funny they are as depicted by Mr. Hale Hamilton and Miss Fanny Brough respectively. Mr. Robert Ayton is sound and safe as Mendel Hart, the diamond merchant, and Mr. E. H. Kelly is good in both acts, and at both ages, as Bertie Hart. Mr. Bryan Powley being amusing as a crafty little Jew money-lender, Mr. Herbert Vyvyan does good work as Bill Corry. Mr. George Forrest seen advantageously as Harry Symonds; and Mr. Henry Leader is a realistic Inspector. Messrs. Edward Hay and Cecil Drummond are mainly Lieutenants; Mr. E. W. Royce is quaintly comic as Old Alf; and Miss Alice Charles, Miss Violet Lewis, Mr. Arthur Poole, and Mr. Laurence Caird render valuable service as Lady Violet Faux, Lady Outhwaite, the Rt. Hon. Ronald Caversham, and Sir John Denshire. The multitude of scarcely speaking parts are all ably filled.

The scenery was splendid. Mr. McCleary's set, the Flower Show, Chelsea, was a very artistic effort, and the deck of the battleship, by Mr. Bruce Smith, was a marvel of elaborate setting, the scene, when lit up and flower-decked, and peopled with gaily-dressed dancers, being a most brilliant one. The airship business was very cleverly managed, and so realistic as to hold the audience in breathless excitement. The outlay on Mr. Arthur Collins's magnificent production must have been very great.

For ingenuity, beauty, and elaboration, "Sealed Orders" exceeds anything ever done in Drury Lane drama, and Mr. Arthur Collins may be congratulated on his success. Mr. Glover's incidental music is as appropriate as usual. The programmes were presented to the audience in two envelopes, sealed, and the reception of the play was wildly enthusiastic, the authors and Mr. Arthur Collins being called, and a special demand being made for the appearance of Mr. E. W. Royce.

## "THIS WAY, MADAM!"

A Farcical Comedy, in Three Acts, by Sydney Blow and Douglas Hoare, Produced at the Theatre Royal, Plymouth, on Monday, Sept. 15.  
Armand Desroches ..... Mr. Maurice Farkas  
Monsieur Bonnard ..... Mr. Henry Wenman  
Monsieur Faribol ..... Mr. Arthur Chesney  
Monsieur Catiche ..... Mr. John Treshar  
Pierre ..... Mr. J. N. More  
Jean ..... Mr. Arthur Hatherton  
Madame Bonnard ..... Miss Edie Graham  
Madame Faribol ..... Miss Maud Cressall  
Murielle ..... Miss Diana Durand  
Fiancée ..... Miss Doris Hurley  
Blanche ..... Miss Desires Hesse  
Suzanne ..... Miss Violet Ashton  
Estelle ..... Miss Mollie Seymour  
Marie ..... Miss Greta Lewis  
Madame Banco del Rio de la Plata  
Miss Kitty Barlow

Baroness des Herbetes ..... Miss Toni Edgar Bruce  
Justine ..... Miss Dorothy Randall  
Marie Ange ..... Miss Mabel Sealby  
The initial production of this gorgeously mounted farce was a brilliant success at Plymouth on Monday, the house being packed from floor to ceiling with an audience that fully appreciated the genuinely clever "situations" and the really witty dialogue. The Parisian firm of Bonnard, Faribol and Co. have fallen on evil days, and the only way of saving the situation is by realising the services of Armand Desroches, whose fascinating personality, more than the wares, is responsible for a rival firm's popularity. A bargain is struck, and though Desroches requires ruinous terms the partners jump at his services at any cost. The two active partners, M. Bonnard and M. Faribol, are a very off-fashioned pair, with, however, very up-to-date wives, who are fervent worshippers at the shrine of Desroches. Each partner suspects the other's wife—without dreaming of the fly in his own ointment—and sets himself out to straighten things for his unfortunate partner. Desroches, however, has become somewhat surfeited with his many amours, and longs for a lady who can attract him by repelling him, and he quickly appears in the person of Marie Ange, the firm's typist. After a stormy interview with Desroches in which he humbly admits he has met his Waterloo, he consents to permit his attentions, provided he arranges to invite the partners' wives to his flat, and at the same time to secure their husbands' appearance in order that their better halves may appear in their true colours. As can be imagined, this little plot produces some excruciatingly funny—whilst not impossible—situations, and it is only the innate presence of mind of the typical Parisian wives which saves them from compromising positions.

The outstanding character is that of Desroches, who has an enormous amount to do, but Mr. Maurice Farkas never failed, but played with ease grace and abandon. As Marie Ange, the typist, Miss Mabel Sealby provided a delightfully naive performance; Messrs. Henry Wenman and Arthur Chesney as the unsuspecting husbands were responsible for no small share of the comedy, whilst their respective wives were capital portrayed by the Misses Edie Graham and Maud Cressall. The mounting is stated to have cost £2,000, and one can well understand it, the dresses being beautifully designed. "This Way, Madam!" is an admirable production, and its success is assured when presented in town next week.

We record with regret the death of Mr. G. E. Gaul, composer of the oratorio "The Holy City," who passed away at Birmingham on Saturday, aged 76. His compositions also included the cantata, "Ruth," "Joan of Arc," "The Ten Virgins," "Israel in the Wilderness," "Una," "The Prince of Peace," "Tellers of the Deep," "The Birds," and "A Song of Life."



"INTERLOPERS."

Comedy, in Four Acts, by H. M. Harwood, Produced at the Royal Theatre on Monday, Sept. 15.

Peter Ross ..... Mr. Dennis Eadie  
Jack Chisholm ..... Mr. Norman Trevor  
Mr. Ross ..... Mr. Hubert Harben  
Amos Thorpe ..... Mr. Miles Malleon  
Mr. Robertson ..... Mr. Campbell Gullan  
"Waiter" ..... Mr. Leonard Notcutt  
Servant at Jermyn-street

Mr. Arthur Baxendell  
Miss Miriam Lewes  
Margaret Chisholm ..... Miss Evelyn Weeden  
Isabel Ross ..... Miss Elizabeth Rison  
Mrs. Ross ..... Miss Gwynne Herbert  
Beatrice Harbord ..... Miss Elaine Sledall  
Phyllis ..... Miss Lisa Stecker  
Maid at Pinner ..... Miss Olga Ward  
Nurse ..... Miss Dorothy Dundas

A promising work by a new author, Mr. H. M. Harwood, was presented by Messrs. Vedrenne and Badie at the Royal Theatre on Monday night. The play, a comedy, entitled "Interlopers," sets forth a problem of much interest, and it is enhanced by much brilliant dialogue. Its chief fault lies in the fact that the author has failed to make the characters sympathetic. We are interested in the problem, never in the persons, largely because none of them seem to know exactly what they want; with the result that they lack sincerity, and consequently do not win the sympathy of the spectator.

The problem put forward in Mr. Harwood's play is, "What is to become of the husband when the wife allows their children to monopolise her existence?" Jack Chisholm, barrister, has reached the "dangerous age"—thirty-five. During the nine years of his married life the children—there are two—have slowly usurped his place in his wife's heart, until he has become "simply a figure head—someone to pay the bills," in the household. He appeals to her to leave the children to their nurse, and to come for a summer holiday with him to the Italian lakes. She replies that she cannot be happy away from her children, and suggests that he shall take a holiday with her brother, Peter Ross, a delightfully flippant person of sound unconventional views. Jack refuses Peter's companionship, and two months later we find him at an hotel on the Lake of Como in company with a beautiful widow, "a woman of great fascination and temperament." From her Jack gets "the daily intimacy, the human sympathy" his wife has ceased to give him; but Iris, the mistress, realises that his heart is still with Margaret, the wife. Peter and his sister arriving unexpectedly, the two women meet face to face, and the solution of the problem lies with them, for, as Iris remarks, "It's always the women who settle what men do." Though longing for domesticity and respectability, Jack refuses to desert Iris, until, after an admirably written scene between the two women, she leaves him, not entirely for ignoble reasons, but partly because the sacrifice the wife is now prepared to make for the sake of her husband and her children has revealed a touch of nobility in the character of the other woman, and husband and wife are left prepared to start anew.

Delightful as Mr. Dennis Eadie is as the worldly bachelor who "rattles" agreeably on every subject, and beautifully as he plays the character, we cannot help feeling that his intensely sympathetic personality is wasted on a comparatively superficial part. He has in this play to portray the man whose reason governs his emotion. Mr. Norman Trevor gives a very fine performance as Jack Chisholm. He shows with great skill Jack's deep unsatisfied love for Margaret, his resentment that he is no longer "her lover," but only the father of her children, while the physical passion with which Iris inspires him is brought out with much strength and delicacy. Miss Miriam Lewes is splendid as Iris, who is "neither respectable or domestic," but tremendously temperamental and magnetic. An excellent contrasting personality is provided by the woman of strong material instinct, portrayed very cleverly by Miss Evelyn Weeden, who conveys to us the impression of a rather slow-witted person, one who sees only the obvious, and is greatly influenced by the opinions of others. Miss Elaine Sledall is exceedingly good as a character of the "woman's rights" type, and as a sort of unsexed creature ever ready to champion causes he does not understand. Mr. Miles Malleon plays very amusingly. Mr. Hubert Harben is specially commendable as a foolish old father, most anxious to do the right thing, and terribly taken aback by the exceedingly unconventional views of his young daughter, played very brightly and charmingly by Miss Elizabeth Rison; and Miss Gwynne Herbert is very sweet and gentle as the mother. Mr. Campbell Gullan makes a brief, but effective, appearance as the interfering, childless, but opinionated, Mr. Leonard Notcutt is quite satisfactory as a servant; and Miss Olga Ward and Miss Dorothy Dundas are, entirely adequate as a Maid and a Nurse respectively. The play is preceded by Rudyard Kipling's original play, in one act, entitled "THE HARBOR WATCH."

Manuel Pycroft, R.N. .... Mr. Luke Forster  
Edward Glass, R.M.L.I. .... Mr. George Tully  
Albert Blashford, R.N. .... Mr. Lawrence Davidson  
William Agg ..... Mr. Campbell Gullan  
Corporal Walters, R.M.L.I.

Mr. W. Lemmon Warde  
Jenny Blashford ..... Miss Marjorie Day

This has recently been noticed in these columns. Once again Mr. George Tully is quite perfect as a delightful Tommy Atkins, true to life in every detail; Mr. Luke Forster deserves much praise for a most pleasant performance; Mr. Campbell Gullan shows talent of a high order as the "perishing" pig; William Agg; Mr. Lawrence Davidson is a fine and manly young sailor; Mr. W. Lemmon Warde very good as another marine; and Miss Marjorie Day exactly the sort of girl a sailor's sweetheart ought to be.

Both plays met with a very hearty reception. They are excellently produced. "Interlopers," by Mr. J. Clifford Brooke, and "The Harbor Watch," by Mr. Frank Vernon. At the final fall of the curtain the author was loudly called; but Mr. Dennis Eadie regretted that he had to make the "customary announcement on first nights that the author was not in the house."

A CORRECTION.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE ERA.

Sir,—In your issue of Sept. 10 I read in an interview with Miss Betty Bellairs the statement "that she was with Mr. Fred Terry in 'Sweet Nell of Old Drury' ... understanding that charming and talented woman, Miss Julia Neilson." Unless I am labouring under a delusion, I myself understudied Miss Neilson from the beginning of the revival of "Sweet Nell of Old Drury" of Christmas, 1911, until the end of last year, June 8, 1913, and played the part of Nell Gwyn eleven times in Miss Neilson's absence—Yours faithfully,

MADGE SPENCER.

Mr. Fred Terry's "Scarlet Pimpernel" Co. Grand Theatre, Leeds, Sept. 13.

"Man and Superman" is this week being presented at the Royal Artillery Theatre, Woolwich, by Mr. B. Eden Payne's Co.

AMUSEMENTS IN LIVERPOOL.

ROYAL COURT.—P. Robert Arthur Theatre Co., Ltd.; M. D., Mr. F. W. Wyndham; A. M., Mr. Arthur Lawrence; Mus. D., Mr. Julian H. Wilson.—Mr. Martin Harvey and his company appeared here on Monday in "The Faun," which was received with much approval. The popular actor displayed remarkable histrionic talents as the Faun and Prince Silvani; Miss N. de Silva pleased with her Lady Vacey; Mr. Charles Glenney proved an admirable Maurice Morris, a well-drawn character; and good support also came from Messrs. David Bain (Cyril Overton), Alfred Ibberson (Jackson), Gordon McLeod (Fish), Charles J. Cameron (Sir Ernest), Philip Hewland (Lord Stonbury), Miss Annie Furrell (Vivian), Miss Brenda Gibson (Lydia), and Miss Margaret Yarde (Mrs. Clarke). The other plays given were "The Only Way," "Taming of the Shrew," and "Hamlet." Next week: "The Dancing Mistress." SHAKESPEARE.—L. & M. Mr. W. W. Kelly; A. M., Mr. Reginald Grant.—Under new management this popular theatre reopened on Monday night with "A Royal Divorce." The rôle of Napoleon was undertaken by Mr. Juan Buonaparte, and Miss Edith Cole reappeared as Josephine. A crowded audience gave Miss Cole a most flattering reception. Miss Florence Hamilton made an excellent Louise; Mr. W. T. Elworthy acquitted himself well as Talleyrand; as Marshal Murat Mr. George Hudson was excellent; the Grimaud of Mr. Sam V. Lyons was deserving of praise; and other parts were ably undertaken by Messrs. George A. Brandram (Beaumont), W. Robins (Dr. Corvisart), Miss Agnes Zambuhl (Little King of Rome), and Miss Helen Meadows (Mother Lomas). Next week: "The Barrier."

ROTUNDA.—M. Mr. M. Montgomery; A. M., Mr. Fred. Coles; Mus. D., Mr. Noel Vincent.—The stock company here have this week been presenting "The Executioner's Daughter," the principal artists being Messrs. Edward Beecher (Robbe), George E. Butler (Marins), J. Scott Leighton (Rouville), Miss Laurie O'Neill (Sally King), Miss Dulcie Lawrence (Felice), and Miss Josephine Colours (Annette).

REPERTORY.—P. Liverpool Repertory Theatre Company, Ltd.; M. Mr. T. J. Pigott.—On Wednesday last Galsworthy's play, "The Eldest Son," was given here for the first time in Liverpool. One of the outstanding characters was that of Lady Cheshire, portrayed in admirable style by Miss Gertrude Sterroll; Mr. Lawrence Hanray acted strongly as Sir William Cheshire; an artistic Freda Studdenham came from Miss Eileen Thorndike; and good support was afforded by Mr. Wilfred E. Shine (Studdenham), Mr. Pennington-Gush (Bill), Miss Lois Heatherley (Dot), Mr. Howard Cochran (Ronald Keith), and Mr. Lawrence Anderson (Harold Cheshire).

KELLY'S.—L. Mr. W. W. Kelly.—"A White Man," has proved a big attraction here this week. Mr. Herbert Sleath having sent a strong company. As Captain Wynne, Mr. Austin Milroy played with admirable tact and restraint; Miss Ethel Bracewell proved successful as the Countess Kerhill; thanks were due to Miss Maud Hawkins for her really good Nat-u-rich; Cash Hawkins had his bad traits well enforced by Mr. Oswald Waller; Mr. Frank Woodville played Bud Hardy in capital style; and others prominent were Messrs. Stanley Liston (Earl of Kerhill), Harold P. Bradlaw (Sir John), and Mr. R. H. Hamilton (Mr. Cheswick). Next week: "Sweet Lavender."

EMPIRE.—P. Moss Empires, Ltd.; R. M., Mr. George Manners; Mus. D., Mr. George M. Saker.—Heading the bill here this week was the popular Miss Marie Studholme, with the comedy sketch, "Her Ladyship," supported by Miss Tyny Grattan, Mr. Somers Bellamy, and Mr. Walter Pearce. John and Lillian Grand pleased greatly with their fine vocalism; as comedy sketch artists the Findens were particularly good; Alverta, Rego and Stoppit caused great laughter with their absurdity, "I can't shut my mouth"; Harry Jolson, the black-faced operatic vocalist, had a hearty reception; the popular Alec Kendall pleased as much as ever; as comedians and dancers, Ed and Jack Smith afforded satisfaction; and the favourite Daisy Dornier, with her latest songs and brisk dances, earned rounds of applause.

LYRIC.—L. Liverpool Lyric Theatre Co., Ltd.; M. D., Mr. Henry C. Arnold; Mus. D., Mons. R. Klasse.—Heading the bill here this week were Ralph Edwards and Dick Arnold, accomplished entertainers; Ranford and Noel provoked great laughter with their burlesques; the three O'Connor Girls presented a charming musical act, along with a clever display of club swinging; Alsopp and Beckwith gave a smart comedy turn; as a funny gymnast Piquo excelled; John Moody displayed high talents as a violinist; and Stanley Thorn, comedian, was also in the bill.

PAVILION.—P. Messrs. W. H. Broadhead and Son; R. A. M., Mr. George F. Slater; Mus. D., Mr. Fred. Braham.—The ever-welcome Billy Williams, "The Man in the Velvet Suit," paid another visit here on Monday evening, and had a cordial greeting George Carney presented a pleasing pot-pourri, entitled "The Wedgwood Classics," which was an all-round brilliant turn; Spry and Monti caused much laughter; rounds of applause followed the smart work of the Piquays, novel acrobats; Meritz and Whittle presented a neat comedy vocal act; and also in the bill were Betty Bowness and Molly Brougham, musicians; Mark Leslie, coon comedienne; Lil Sprightly, character comedienne; the Dancing Middles; and Gertie Rex, comedienne.

ROYAL PALACE.—M. Mr. M. Montgomery; A. M., Mr. Frank O'Toole; Mus. D., Mr. G. Dibbert.—The stock company here have this week been presenting (twice nightly), "A Cowboy's Honour," among the principal artists being Messrs. R. Seath Innes (Rev. Clive Pembrough), John Davidson (Pedro), Paul Neville (Jem Blake), Miss P. Melrose Millett (Nell Blake), and Miss Bessie Thompson (Giannetta).

OLYMPIA.—P. Moss Empires, Ltd.; A. M., Mr. E. W. James; Asst. M., Mr. D. Casey; Mus. D., Mr. Albert Moore.—Heading the bill here this week were the Four Diving Norins, whose remarkable achievements were followed with keen interest; Mlle. Irma Lorraine provided a most interesting turn with her poses and dances, "The Miracle" spectacle being particularly well done; immense fun was caused by Terry and Lambert, who are great favourites; Tom E. Finglass, the cowboy coon, proved very amusing; Emerald and Dupre, with "A Hot Scotch," kept their audience in a jolly mood; as a novelty violinist, Carl de Marest gave an especially good turn; and also in the list were Austin Temple, magician; Hinton and Wooton, football cyclists; and Tew and Lea, comedians.

HIPPODROME.—M. D., Mr. Walter de Frece; R. M., Mr. Walter Hassan; Mus. D., Mr. Frank Stokes.—The strong card here this week has been Fragon, whose appearance was greeted with enthusiasm; the "Henley Revue," presented by Jackson's sixteen dancers, was a very pretty affair, and loudly applauded; as simultaneous dancers, the two Vestas showed much talent; Syd May gave some excellent impersonations of comedians; Mary Law proved herself an excellent violinist; and also on the programme were Marriott Edgar, G. Gordon's comedy tourists, and the Swift Duo, with trick cycling.

The Palace, Rochdale, broke all records for drama last week with "The Mormon and the Maid," hundreds being turned away nightly. On Saturday night the performance started at 6.40, the "house full" boards being out.

SPECIALS FROM THE PROVINCES.

"SOVEREIGN LOVE." Comedy in One Act, by T. C. Murray, Produced for the first time at Abbey Theatre, Dublin, on Thursday, Sept. 11.

Donal Kearney ..... Mr. J. M. Kerrigan  
Ellen ..... Miss Ann Coppinger  
Katty ..... Miss Ethne Magee  
Maurice O'Brien ..... Mr. Philip Guiry  
Mrs. Hickey ..... Miss Helen Molony  
Chas. O'Donnell ..... Mr. Sydney J. Morgan  
David ..... Mr. Charles Power  
Tom Daly ..... Mr. Michael Conniffe  
Andy Hyde ..... Mr. Farrell Pelly

Great interest was taken in the first production of this play, and the curtain rose to a crowded and enthusiastic audience. The new comedy is a scathing attack on the pecuniary nature of the Irish peasantry. Donal Kearney, a farmer, is anxious to have his daughter Ellen married, and she is by no means unwilling. An appointment is made with Andy Hyde, a returned Yank, who is to interview Donal and his brother-in-law, Maurice O'Brien, in the parlour of an inn known as the Granuaile. The curtain rises upon Ellen and her sister Katty sitting disconsolately on the sofa, while Donal and Maurice amuse themselves on either side of the table. The "Yank" is conspicuous by his absence, and Donal's rage cannot be assuaged even when informed by Mrs. Hickey (hostess of the Granuaile) that Charles O'Donnell, another farmer, and his son have met with a disaster, thus deserting by their partners. The O'Donnells are introduced and business taken in hand with promptitude. After some amusing haggling, in which the respective merits of the young man and woman are set forth, an agreement is arrived at whereby the youth is endowed with £200 and half the marriage fees.

At this stage word is brought that the "returned Yank" is without and craves an audience. Old Kearney decides to deal with the "deserter," dismisses everyone from the room, and sends for the "Yank." At first the old man is very severe, but when the "Yank" makes a better offer than the O'Donnells, an agreement is arrived at, much to the disgust and disappointment of the O'Donnells, who leave in a wild tumult of bitter words and angry recrimination, whilst Ellen is transferred to the "Yank."

As regards the acting pride of place must be given to Mr. Kerrigan, whose portrait of an old country farmer was indeed a masterpiece, and one of the best specimens of character acting seen in the Abbey for some time. Mr. Sydney J. Morgan was also good as the other old farmer, his acting at the close being of a high standard of merit. Of the ladies a special word of praise is due to Miss Ethne Magee, who as Katty, the simple country girl, achieved a notable success, and promises to follow in the footsteps of Miss Sara Allgood. Miss Coppinger was excellent as the other sister, the maiden's bashfulness in the presence of her lover being highly amusing. Miss Moloney (as Mrs. Hickey) and Mr. Philip Guiry (as the uncle) both showed real histrionic ability. The play had a most enthusiastic reception, and the author has indeed enhanced his reputation with this little gem of comedy. The piece was produced by Mr. Lennox Robinson, who deserves every praise for his excellent work.

"THE APOSTLE."

A Play in Three Acts by Paul Hyacinthe Loyson. Translated by F. M. Rankin and produced at H. M. Theatre, Carlisle, on Thursday, Sept. 11.

Eugenie ..... Miss Lucy Beaumont  
Baudain ..... Mr. Jules Shaw  
Michu ..... Mr. S. A. Elliot  
Maid-servant ..... Miss Dorothy Hick  
Clothilde ..... Miss Amy Ravenscroft  
Octave Baudain ..... Mr. Douglas Vigors  
Gaimard ..... Mr. Lionel Mingaye  
Pratt ..... Mr. Horace Braham  
Roquin ..... Mr. Noel Spencer  
Ferrand ..... Mr. Percy Foster  
Latouche ..... Mr. Ernest Haines  
Jules ..... Mr. Leonard Chapman  
Duval-Porcheret ..... Mr. Horace Braham  
Meyerheim ..... Mr. Basil Holmes  
Adele ..... Miss Mabel Salkeld  
Jean ..... Mr. Tommy Nickson  
Puyaroche ..... Mr. Bernard Copping  
Moreau ..... Mr. Brember Willis

The announcement of an original production by Miss Horniman's company created great interest, and enthusiastic playgoers assembled in force and followed with rapt attention the dramatic incidents unfolded in an interesting and natural manner which the author has so cleverly conceived and expressed. The action of the piece takes place in the scene "Baudain's Study." Baudain is a French Republican senator who is "fathering" a secular education Bill through the House. He is a man of high ideals and great strength of character who values independence more than the honours of office. He is ambitious for the welfare of his son, Octave, who, through his father's influence, has risen to a position of some importance. He finds the bill in danger of being lost principally through the treachery of his own supporters, many of whom have received bribes from the opposition. So he accepts office and commences a stern fight against his numerous opponents. He finds himself involved in a maze of political intrigue, which is intensified by the discovery that his son is among those who have been bribed, and is also connected with the mysterious suicide of his son's secretary. In strong scenes with his son and his son's wife, Clothilde, Baudain finds out the truth and is confronted with the choice of hiding the true facts and tarnishing the memory of a dead man or denouncing his own offspring. In the end he sticks to his ideals, resigns office, and exposes the perfidy of his son.

The dialogue is clever and the situations intensely dramatic. On Mr. Jules Shaw fell the whole burden of the performance. He seldom leaves the stage throughout the three acts, and the author is certainly indebted to this clever and intellectual actor for the success of the first performance. It is a fine character part which Mr. Shaw handled with firmness, delicacy, and true dramatic instinct. The audience thoroughly appreciated his wonderful acting and accorded him a most enthusiastic reception. Mr. Douglas Vigors played with considerable force as the son and Miss Amy Ravenscroft gave a sympathetic rendering of Clothilde. The few remaining speaking parts were all in good hands.

Mr. Lewis Casson, the producer, is to be complimented on the smoothness and naturalness which characterised the whole performance.

At the Theatre Royal, Woolwich, "The White Girl Slave" is being played to appreciative audiences by Miss Hilda Beverley's Co.

The Universal Theatrical Bureau, of 49, Bedford-street, Strand, is now under the management of the well-known actor, author and producer, Mr. Wilfred H. Benson, who for so many years ran his own sketches, "The Last Halt," "Rogues," etc., as well as John Douglas plays and John Lawson sketches. The bureau has a fine selection of its books, and makes a feature of the promotion of artists from auxiliaries to "stars."

AMUSEMENTS IN MANCHESTER.

THEATRE ROYAL.—L. The United Theatres Co., Ltd.; M. D., Mr. John Hart; A. M., Mr. Edmondstone Shira.—The principal event of the week takes place here, this being a visit of Sir George Alexander and the St. James's Theatre company in "Bella Donna," which is presented most admirably, with all the original scenery, furniture, and effects. In addition to the finished and impressive performance of Sir George Alexander as Dr. Meyer Isaacson, other good parts are ably filled by a cast including—George Bishop, Philip Desborough, Reginald Malcolm, J. Adeane Barlow, Rohan Clensy, Eric Turner, E. Vivian Reynolds, John Ridley, Hilda Moore, Elizabeth Chesney, Gladys Storey.

PRINCE'S THEATRE.—P. The United Theatres Co., Ltd.; A. M., Mr. Geo. Lee.—Musical comedy is always popular here, and "The Girl on the Film" is keeping up the tradition in fine style. Mr. W. H. Rawlins as Cornelius Clutterbuck and Mr. Horace Mills as Diddle, both old favourites, keep up their high reputation as fun-makers, and Mr. Frank Hector makes good use of his many opportunities as Max Daly, the cinema man. Miss Daisy Burrell is charming and popular as Winifred; Miss Winifred O'Connor plays excellently as Signora Maria Gesticulata, the cinema actress; Miss Doris Dean very attractively sustains the rôle of Linda; and Mr. Paul Plunkett's Valentine Twiss is a highly pleasing impersonation. Many other parts are brightly filled, and the staging and dressing contribute their share toward the success of a brilliant and amusing production.

GAIETY THEATRE.—Sole P. & Licensee, Miss A. E. F. Horniman; D., Mr. Lewis Casson; G. M., Mr. W. Roberts-Marshall.—A remarkably good performance of "More Respectable," W. F. Casey's realistic one-act play, preceded the production here on Monday of F. M. Rankin's translation of "The Apostle," by Paul Hyacinthe Loyson, a poignant and arresting drama of a political conflict in France between the forces of secular and clerical education, forty years after the Republic was established. The central figure of Baudain, the apostle of free thought, was finely impersonated by Mr. Jules Shaw, and other emotional characters found admirable exponents in Miss Lucy Beaumont as Eugenie, Baudain's wife, and Miss Amy Ravenscroft as Clothilde, the wife of Baudain's unworthy son, Octave (Mr. Douglas Vigors), around whose conduct the plot of the play is evolved. There are many incidental characters of interest to the situation and the period, all of them ably presented, and the play ranks among the most remarkable and impressive of Miss Horniman's productions.

NEW THEATRE.—P. The New Manchester Theatre, Ltd.; G. M., Mr. Arthur Hardy; A. M., Mr. Geoffrey Hill.—Once more the patrons of this fine theatre have the opportunity of witnessing the spectacular Oriental play, "Kismet," presented by Mr. George Dance's company. The central part of Hajji is powerfully rendered by Mr. William Clayton, while Miss Betty Bellairs is entirely charming as Marsinah. Mr. George R. Montford also contributes to the success as the Caliph Abdullah, and Mr. Cyril Griffiths is well suited to the rôle of the Wazir Mansur. All the beautiful effects of the play are well managed, and the production is entirely satisfactory.

ROYAL OSBORNE.—P. William Henry Broadhead and Son.—This week (twice nightly): Will H. Glaze's company in "Mary Latimer—Nun." Cast includes: Ernest K. Nelson, Richard C. Wagner, Herbert Flanders, John O'Reilly, Will Glaze, George Gormley, Chas. Drew, Edward Halsey, Fred Wynne, Miss Nell du Maurier, Miss Millicent Maynard, Miss Elizabeth Carter, Miss Betty Seymour, Miss Laura Walker.

QUEEN'S PARK HIPPODROME.—P. William Henry Broadhead and Son.—This week (twice nightly) Potts Bros. and Co., Nella Dene, vocalist; Alec Kennedy, comedian; Jack McPherson, comedian; Pat Lynch, dancer; Sorelty and Antoinette, acrobats; J. D. Hunter and Co., in sketch; Josie Delaine; Walter and Bunting, comedy duo.

METROPOLE.—P. William Henry Broadhead and Son.—This week (twice nightly): Once more Tom Nelson and Co. are entertaining local audiences in Fred Karno's screaming production, "Perkins, M.P.," at this popular house. Karl and Eddie, two clever boys and a piano, are also conspicuous; another fine turn being that of Tiny Arnold, comedian. Other good business is contributed by Vine and Brewer in a musical act; Burns and Bentley, artistic dancers; Bert Rayburn, a quaint little lump of comedy; the Two Mermaids, aquatic artists; Hector and Lolletta,

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HIPPODROME.—P. Manchester Hippodrome and Ardwick Empire, Ltd.; R. M., Mr. Horace Cole; Asst. M., Mr. Fred C. Brooks; Mus. D., Mr. Alfred Haines.—George Graves and company in the funny sketch, "Koffo of Bond-street," is the big attraction here. The Sisters Kirksmith are charming American musicians; Cullen and Carthy and their wee assistant cause much laughter; and the magician, Owen Clark, gives an excellent show. The simultaneous dancing of the Brothers Dean, who are also whistlers, is exceedingly smart; Nan C. Hearne's new ideas in "expressions" are good; Ivor Vinter, "the little surprise," offers a pleasing item; and Laura Leicester and company present a farcical episode, "The Five Wishes," in fine style. "The Oasis of El-Kantaro" on the Bioscope is an interesting film. Next week: Huntley Wright and company and Miss Alice Liebman. Matinees, Tuesday and Saturday.

TIVOLI THEATRE OF VARIETIES.—P. Tivoli (Manchester), Ltd.; M., Mr. Arthur Trussell; Mus. D., Mr. Leo T. Croke.—The great Darnell and company are highly successful here in the magical pantomime, "The Real Magic Shop"; Will Gardner, comedian, makes a hit; Harry Lane's Six Geisha Girls are smart vocalists and dancers; a Thurgate Simpson, tenor, sings well; Daisy Griffith, a versatile comedienne, pianist, and eccentric dancer, is capital; Anna Haas is an entertaining American girl, and other enjoyable items are those of Bernard and Bunny in novel comedy act, and Harry Morris, comedian and mimic. Bioscope pictures are also included. Next week: Tom and Marie Motramo. Matinees, Monday, Wednesday, and Thursday.

CROWN.—P. Messrs. William Henry Broadhead and Son.—This week (twice nightly): Archie Glen, comedian; Kate and Tom Major, in comedy; pictures.

EMPIRE.—M. D., Mr. Oswald Stoll; A. M., Mr. Horace Cocks; Mus. C., Mr. R. Hardwick.—Big attractions here are W. C. Fields, the silent humorist, in eccentric juggling; Billy Merson, the popular comedian; and Esta Stella, the military maid; all excellent and entertaining turns. The Pasquali Brothers add some clever equestrian tumbling, and other successful items are contributed by Willie Gardner, skate dancer; Clyde Cook, eccentric dancer; Fred Keeton, comedian; Kilmer and Story, comedy duo; and Charburn's Young Stars, in a pretty and effective scene, "A Picnic up the River."

KING'S.—P. Messrs. William Henry Broadhead and Son.—This week (twice nightly): John Lawson and Co., in "Humanity"; Jean Asta, vocalist; Doris Perry, vocalist; Miller Stulliffe Troupe; Tom Duddy, comedian; Dan Filmer, comedian; Gipsy Leigh, comedienne; Patey and Sally, chimpanzees.

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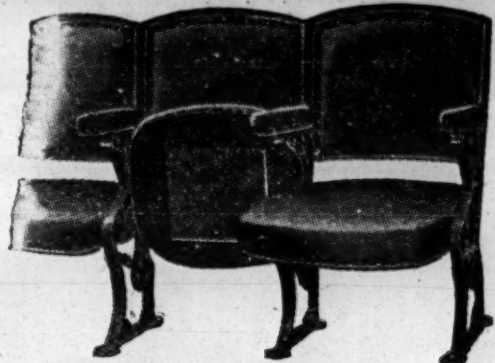
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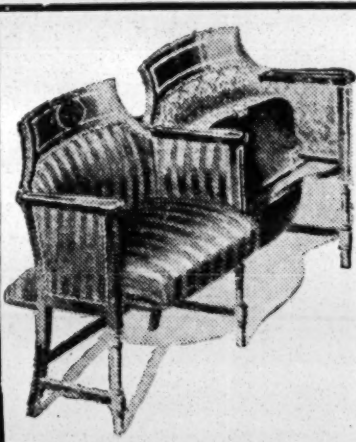
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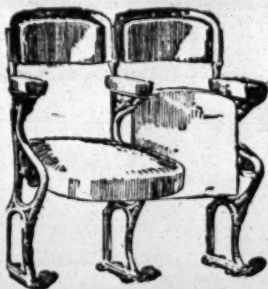
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WOMAN HE WANTED, THE.—Sept. 15, Empire T., Huddersfield.

YOUNGER GENERATION.—Sept. 15, T.R., Huddersfield; Sept. 22, T.R., Blackburn.

10.30 DOWN EXPRESS.—Sept. 15, Alex. T., Pontefract; Sept. 22, Hip., Huddersfield.

We are informed by Miss Doris Dean that it was she, and not Miss Burrell, who played the part of Winifred Fitzgibbon in "The Girl on the Film" at the Theatre Royal, Bradford, last week.

The attractions this week at the Pavilion, Mile End, include the first appearance of Mme. Abel in the opera "Bar Cochba" and the new production in Yiddish of "The Prodigal Son," besides "Monte Cristo" and "Joseph and His Brethren."

Interest will be aroused by the announcement contained in our advertisement columns of the inauguration of a theatrical training school by Mr. T. M. Sylvester, whose name in the professional world is well known. Mr. Sylvester's aim is to put into operation a training school the pupils of which will undergo tuition in every conceivable branch of stagecraft, embracing instruction in drama, musical comedy, pantomime, circus in its every department, equestrianism, acrobatic, gymnastic, and the always popular clowning. In addition there is to be a department allocated for instructing budding authors and composers, and a speciality will also be made of training animals for circus performances. In order to be of some material and lasting benefit to his pupils, Mr. Sylvester is running in conjunction with his training school a theatrical, variety and circus agency, whose temporary offices are at present located at 215, Piccadilly. With the assistance of Mr. Taff Volta (late of the Paul Schultz Agency), who will superintend and manage the agency department, Mr. Sylvester hopes to be in thorough going order this week.

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A. ANSELL.—We learn that Tom Leamore sang a song entitled "Oh! Gussy" about eight years back. Harry Bedford also sang a song with a similar title.

A. HOWE.—The comedian you mention has appeared at the Oxford within the past three years, but we cannot say whether he has "topped the bill." We do not answer questions by post.

P. H. GALLAGHER.—The resolution was moved by Mr. Robert Harcourt on April 16 last, and was in the following terms:—"That the attempt to maintain by means of antiquated legislation a legal distinction between a theatre and a music hall, and to differentiate between productions called stage plays and other dramatic performances, is unwarrantable; that the system of licensing stage plays before production in Great Britain, though not in Ireland, by means principally of the perusal of the manuscript, should be abolished; and that, as regards stage exhibitions of whatever kind, or wherever given, reliance should be placed on subsequent effective control."

B. ARMSTRONG.—At least nine plays on the subject of Belphegor have been produced, the earliest recorded being "Belphegor; or, the Marriage of the Devil," a tragedy, by J. Wilson, given at the Dorset Garden in 1691. Benjamin Webster's version of "Belphegor," adapted from the French drama "Le Balafré," was brought out at the Adelphi in January 1851. Another notable version was "Belphegor, the Mountebank; or, Woman's Constancy," a drama in three acts, adapted from the French of D'Ennery and Marc Fournier by Chas. Webb, and produced at the Lyceum in 1856. The latest adaptation of the French original was "The Battle of Life," produced at the Standard on May 22, 1893.

"G. H. W." writes for more detailed explanations of what is meant by scenes, titles, and subtitles, and also what constitutes a scene in connection with the attempts for the prizes offered in our scenario competition. The sub-titles should be inserted in the scenario in the same position as they would appear in the finished film, and each sub-title included must be numbered consecutively. So far as numbering the scenes is concerned, the same remarks apply. As to what is a scene, we might describe this as a portion of the film taking place on any one particular spot.

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### A PEOPLE'S OPERA HOUSE.

Mr. THOMAS BEECHAM'S new plan for a popular opera house is one which commends itself to the approval of all. The costs of the building are to run into a quarter of a million, and it is to be an opera house for the masses at popular prices. The seating capacity, it is proposed, shall be 4,000, making it the largest house of entertainment in London, except the Albert Hall. Music hall prices are to be charged, the seats ranging from sixpence to five shillings. A site in the West End has been chosen, and negotiations for its purchase are in progress.

There is so much pretence about anything where fashion is concerned, that it is hard to say how much real enjoyment "smart" people, as a class, derive from opera. A certain proportion of Society is undeniably artistic. Music is part of a modern education. The rich undoubtedly take in a good deal of culture through the pores, so to speak; and the habit of constantly hearing good music well sung gives society people a certain amount of judgment and discrimination. But there must be a large section of opera-goers who look on music as an accessory to social display, and are really bored to death by it, especially by certain operas of the modern school, wherein melody is subordinated to musical delicacy and tone. The *nouveau riche*, whose most interested taste is a tune like "La donna e mobile," with a catchy air and a marked measure, must feel that he is not enjoying himself when his family take him to hear "Madame Butterfly" or "Pelléas and Mélisande."

In Paris the Opéra, as in England, is a fashionable resort, and the prices prohibitive to a moderate purse, that is to say if the bearer wishes to enjoy that comparative comfort which is necessary to the appreciation of art. But there exists in Paris a half-way house, the Opéra Comique, where performances, perfect in balance and ensemble, are given at ordinary theatrical prices. The artists come straight from the Conservatoire, they are cast for their suitability and not for their vogue, and the result is an entertainment in some ways more artistic than the larger productions of opera.

Mr. BEECHAM'S scheme would appeal to two classes: the highly artistic but comparatively poor lovers of music, and those who have been either too busy to cultivate a taste for the higher ranges of the art, or too naturally ungifted to do so. To these latter an appeal might certainly be made by boldly reviving operas which are just the reverse of being "caviare to the general." Let us admit for the sake of argument that the old style of opera is stale, passé, and old-fashioned to the modern music lover. But, just as there are hundreds of playgoers who enjoy "Diplomacy," and have made its revival a success, so there are hundreds of opera-goers who in their heart of hearts worship at the shrine of MOZART, to say nothing of VERDI. An amusing instance of how Nature will out was given at Covent Garden some time ago, when "Don Giovanni" was revived. Here was a work absolutely *demodé* and out of date, with the Don played by a visitor, and only one leading artist of London vogue in the cast. It is constructed in the old style, with recitative leading up to arias, duets, and quartets. But we can state as a fact that "La ci darem la mano" and "Batti, batti" were rapturously enjoyed; that the Commander's music proved as impressive on the audience as ever, and that the whole performance was a success. There are hundreds whose musical taste is at this stage. And they have nothing to be ashamed of. Great art never really ages, and there is nothing to blush for in admiring the Elgin marbles or the Parthenon. The real music lover does not only delight in the latest thing in operas and the latest

fashion in prima donnas. He can admire WAGNER and PUCCINI without despising WEBER and MENDELSSOHN. It is the sham music lover who can only enjoy the thing that is in vogue, the art which he thinks he is safe in admiring and applauding. There are two classes of critic whose tastes are wide and unprejudiced. The one is the cultivated art student who can appreciate the beauties of every period and phase of art; the other is the natural man following his instincts and loving music instinctively. It is very evident that the arts cannot appeal to the *cognoscenti* alone. When the Old Masters put their paintings over the cathedral altars it was not to the learned that they appealed, but to the populace. RAPHAEL'S Madonna has been admired by hundreds who know nothing of light, colour, or composition.

The people's opera house, if properly managed, would capture the two patrons: the poor but cultivated person who now frequents the gallery of Covent Garden with a score of the opera, to which he frequently refers, and the man in the street. Its repertory might include the most *banal* and the most delicately exotic of selections. "The Bohemian Girl" might alternate with "Fidelio," and "The Magic Flute" with one of the most delicate compositions of the modern school. The great difficulty would be with singers. But would it not be possible to imitate the practice of the Opéra Comique in Paris and select strikingly clever pupils from some of our Academies of Music? The casting of the operas would have to resemble that of some of the plays produced at our popular theatres; that is to say, it would be more remarkable for all-round excellence than stars and sensational achievements. The difficulty is that some old operas were written for voices trained to the greatest perfection, and that highly trained voices are, it is said, rarer than ever. But the very fact of the existence of a popular opera would create artists to perform in it. This is no overstatement. When the GILBERT and SULLIVAN opera came into existence, artists arose to interpret it admirably. Demand creates supply, and the popular opera would evoke its own interpreters. The experiment, however, can only be tried with success on a very large scale, and the colossal proportions of Mr. BEECHAM'S scheme afford the best chances of success.

### "MADE ABSOLUTE."

A Farce Comedy in one act, by Amelia M. Barker. Produced at the Arts Centre, Mortimer-street, Wednesday, Sept. 10, 1913.

Mr. Ayton ..... Mr. Albert Dudley  
Mr. Beeton ..... Mr. E. Beal Bankock  
Victor ..... Mr. Neil Eskine  
Mrs. Ayton ..... Miss Myra Selwyn  
Mrs. Beeton ..... Miss Cecilia Moore  
Mrs. Dossit ..... Miss Marjorie Theobald  
"Made Absolute" was received in a most kindly manner by the members of the Arts and Dramatic Club at an entertainment held at the Arts Centre on Wednesday evening, but even the most enthusiastic friends of the authors could not have helped feeling a little disappointed in the production. At the outset the boarding-house keeper, Mrs. Dossit, explains that she is expecting two week-end couples, who until recently had been Mr. and Mrs. Ayton and Mr. and Mrs. Beeton respectively, but who had been reshuffled, as it were, by a double divorce. The situation possesses promise, and when Mr. Beeton arrives with the erstwhile Mrs. Ayton and Mr. Ayton brings along the divorced Mrs. Beeton, and the two couples dine, one each side of a screen, one looks for a diverting climax. By this time we had grown rather tired of waiting for "something to happen," and it is rather a pity that nothing stronger than the mutual discovery of both parties should bring the piece to a close.

In parts the dialogue is decidedly clever. Mr. Neil Eskine, in particular, derived considerable humour from his part of boots-cum-waiter. Miss Marjorie Theobald did extremely well in the rather difficult rôle of the widowed landlady, and the other characters were equally well sustained.

### "STYLE."

Drama, in four Acts, by Ben Shomer. Presented at the Pavilion Theatre, Mile End, E., on Thursday, Sept. 11.

Nathan Lazarus ..... Mr. Joseph Kessler  
Dora ..... Mme. Dina Feinman  
Jacob ..... Mr. Zatz  
Debora ..... Mme. Goldstein  
Mrs. Gorkin ..... Mme. Lowenstein  
Mrs. Feiner ..... Mme. Ashkenazi  
Mr. Joseph Kessler's production of the above drama obtained a hearty reception. The play deals with an important problem of the day and the dialogue is both witty and convincing. How Nathan Lazarus loved his wife Dora above everything, how her craze for "style" ruined him, and how, finally, Nathan kills his wife, kept the audience engrossed.

Mr. Kessler, in the central character, was at his best. His elocution was capital and his portrayal of the part most convincing. As the wife, Dora, Mme. Feinman expressed every phase of the character, her love for dress, her weakness in betraying her husband, and her final struggle for life being all effectively portrayed. The parts of Jacob and Debora were undertaken by Mr. Zatz and Mme. Goldstein, who presented veritable cameos of American life and were vastly amusing. Mme. Lowenstein looked every inch the dignified temptress she represented. Mme. Ashkenazi as Mrs. Gorkin's assistant in wickedness also played very well.

At the end of the play Mr. Kessler was called, and made a speech in which he outlined the reasons for a permanent Yiddish theatre and gave some idea of the future novelties to be presented. Mme. Abel, prima donna, is appearing in opera this week.

### BOOKS RECEIVED.

"Burbage and Shakespeare's Stage," by Mrs. C. C. Stopes, Hon.F.R.L.S. 272 pages. Price 5s. net. Published by the De La More Press.  
"Her Soul and Her Body," a novel by Louise Closser Hale. 288 pages. Price 1s. net. Published by George Routledge and Sons, Ltd.  
"The Poetry Review," edited by Stephen Phillips. Price 6d. net. Published by the Poetry Society.

Mr. C. Vernon Proctor concluded his third tour of "What Happened to Jones" on Saturday last at Ilfracombe. Mr. and Mrs. Proctor will sail for Canada on Oct. 2, per s.s. Sicilian, from London, with the Lodge-Percy company.

### CECIL RALEIGH'S CAREER.

BY FRANK DESPREZ.

I met my old friend Cecil Raleigh in the salon of Drury Lane Theatre in an interval of the dress rehearsal of "Sealed Orders," and the idea came into my mind—how did he develop into the successful dramatist that he is? I had often been going to ask him in the old days at the O.P. Club, but we were always too much engaged in discussing some burning theatrical question to have time for personal chat. He has "filled out" a little since those times, and is irreproachably attired in grey suit and soft hat, as becomes the modern millionaire playwright.

"I come of a family of doctors," he said; "doctors for four generations. My father was a sporting doctor. We lived at Nant-y-glo, in Monmouthshire, in the Coalbrook Dale district. My father was one of the smartest gentleman riders of his day, and they were great dandies those gentlemen riders. They would never, like the ordinary jockeys, put their ears under their caps, and they always wore white gloves when they rode races. Another little fancy was always to have the chit cuffs made to fill out the coat sleeve; you see, I have never got rid of it myself. There were not many of them, and you will find my father immortalised in Hook's series of prints of 'Racing Cracks.'

"THE GENTLEMAN RIDER PHASE."  
"At eighteen I became a gentleman rider. I was put up at first on young ones who were out to get used to it, and then gradually promoted to more serious steedings. I did a lot of steeple-chasing, and had a great many falls, and if I wanted to exaggerate I should tell you that I had broken every bone in my body." That would not have been absolutely accurate. Perhaps you may remember the opening of the Bristol Race Course?

The listener nods. Well does he recall that abortive attempt to introduce gate-money meetings to the citizens of the sober Western city. "Well, I rode the winner. The favourite came a tremendous cropper at the big fence. The jockey was nearly killed."

"My father, from a gentleman jockey, developed into a gentleman trainer. The worst of that calling is that you find so much difficulty in getting your money. A professional trainer sends in his bill as a matter of business, and gets it, but a gentleman trainer, dealing with equals, finds dunning very awkward indeed. We moved from Nant-y-glo to Burnham in Gloucestershire, and thence to Epsom, where I lived for some time. I took Pitt Lodge, near the church and the Ewell-road, an old house where George IV. used occasionally to reside. I took furniture and all, including the loveliest inlaid sideboard you ever saw. You know the old race-track on Walton Heath?"

The listener does. He can see in his mind's eye the frying-pan shaped course, with its hanging chains, unspadged in the dawn to give way to the trainers' horses from Epsom.

"Often have I tried sleepchasing over that course in the early morning. It was a jolly life, but in the end I got sick of the narrow, sordid atmosphere of racing—there is artistic blood in me on the mother's side—so I came to town, and went on the Press."

### THE DRAMATIC CRITIC EPISODE.

"I was dramatic critic for 'Vanity Fair' in the days when 'Tommy' Bowles was Editor. 'Tommy' was always deep in diplomatic questions like the Straits of Malacca, and had a lofty contempt for dramatic art. I remember one day, when an actor had called to complain of one of my notices, 'Tommy' saying to me, blowing a cloud of smoke languidly from his cigar, 'Raleigh, there's been an actor-fellow named—here to-day worrying me. Sate him, dear boy; sate him!'"

"And then, like all dramatic critics, I fancied I could write a play. It was called 'The Great Pink Pearl,' and it was a success. There, now I've told you 'how I came to be a dramatist.'"  
"You're a Socialist as well, aren't you?"  
"Anarchist, my boy; anarchist. I'd blow the confounded place up, if it were possible!"

The admirers of "Sealed Orders" will be glad to know that Mr. Raleigh has no immediate explosive intentions with regard to Drury Lane Theatre.

### REOPENING OF NORWICH THEATRE.

The Theatre Royal, Norwich, has undergone extensive alterations during its recent closure. Under the skilful direction of Mr. W. J. Sprague, the well-known architect, such improvements have been carried out as to bring the theatre thoroughly up to date. The auditorium has been increased by about a third and the stage has been rebuilt with the utmost care for the comfort and safety of the players and fitted up with all modern mechanical appliances. The proscenium arch has been widened and heightened so as to facilitate a more ample view of the stage from every part of the house. Beyond the line of the dress circle and upper boxes are private boxes of unique description. The ceiling has been pleasingly decorated and the decorations generally are most harmonious in colour. New tip-up seats have been supplied to the dress circle and pit. Mr. Fred Morgan should be congratulated on his enterprise.

On Monday the theatre was opened by the Moody-Manners Grand Opera Company with "Faust." Mr. Charles Manners appearing as Mephistopheles. On Tuesday "Elijah" was given, and "Carmen" (Mlle. Zelle de Lussan as Carmen) is announced for this evening. Thursday will be devoted to "Il Trovatore," Friday to "Lohengrin" (with Mme. Fanny Moody as Elsa), the Saturday matinee to "Elijah," with "Faust" in the evening. On Monday evening the performance was under the patronage and in the presence of the Lord Mayor of Norwich (Mr. A. M. Samuel), the Sheriff of Norwich (Mr. R. J. Read) and members of the corporation.

### ACTORS AND THE INSURANCE ACT.

The needs of the actor insured under the Government Act are adequately provided for in the latest arrangements of the Commissioners, by which medical benefit is secured to persons who constantly move from place to place over a wide area in the course of their employment. Such persons, if they prove that the circumstances of their employment are such as to render these special arrangements applicable, will be supplied with a special yellow voucher which will be available in the area of any Insurance Committee in Great Britain.

The concession is exactly what the Actors' Association has been fighting for. All insured persons who travel about should be able to claim the benefits to which they are entitled immediately on the production of the official voucher, provided they have fulfilled the conditions set down, and the arrangement should be welcome to those members of the profession on tour who come for use in applying for permission to be admitted to these special arrangements may be obtained from any Insurance Committee or from the Secretary, National Health Insurance Commission, Buckingham Gate, S.W.

The popular comedian, Mr. Lionel Rignold, was operated upon for appendicitis at his home at North Hill House, Highgate, on Saturday. Latest reports declare that Mr. Rignold is progressing satisfactorily.

### "NEVER SAY DIE."

A Farce Comedy in Three Acts, by W. H. Post. Produced at the Apollo Theatre, on Saturday, Sept. 13.

Dionysius Woodbury ..... Mr. Charles Hawtree  
Hector Walters ..... Mr. Louis Goodrich  
Virgil Gafesby, M.D. .... Mr. E. Holman Clark  
Sir John Fraser, M.D. .... Mr. John Clulow  
Griggs ..... Mr. A. Vane-Tempest  
Verchell ..... Mr. Daniel McCarthy  
Buster ..... Master Reginald Sheffield  
Mr. Gibbs ..... Mr. E. W. Tarrow  
Servant ..... Mr. J. R. Tozer  
Auction Man ..... Mr. S. Grenville Darling  
Violet Stevenson ..... Miss Doris Lytton  
La Cigale ..... Miss Marie George  
The Hon. Mrs. Stevenson ..... Miss Winifred Emery

Lucky Mr. Charles Hawtree scored another tremendous success on Saturday night with his production of Mr. W. H. Post's "Never Say Die," one of the most amusing and rollicking farces that we have enjoyed for a long time. When we have laughed well and heartily for two and a half hours we are not disposed to cavil at well-worn stage devices and repartee which is occasionally feeble. Rather is one inclined to be grateful for an evening full of mirth, both to author and to players alike.

The hero, Dionysius Woodbury, is, according to the verdict of two famous specialists, a doomed man. With the utmost precaution, no alcohol, no excitement, not a breath of night air, he may live for three weeks—perhaps a month—say the great doctors; his liver has gone wrong—utterly, fatally wrong. Dionysius is resigned, but cheerful—a "real sport." A few weeks before his expected decease he meets a very charming girl, Violet Stevenson, who is engaged to a penniless artist, an old friend of Woodbury's. On the same day that Dionysius hears that his case is hopeless, Violet and her widowed mother find that through the failure of a bank they are ruined. Dionysius is without any family ties, the girl is captivated, the mother a charming, delightful woman, and the artist, Hector Walters, is heart-broken at the thought of losing Violet's fortune and incidentally Violet herself. A brilliant idea strikes quixotic Dionysius: he and Violet shall go through the marriage ceremony, parting immediately after. He will make a will in her favour, die in a month, and leave the coast clear for the lovers' union. Acting without her mother's knowledge, Violet agrees, and a brisk and breezy first act closes with an excited Dionysius rushing off to secure a special licence and begging Violet to leave everything to him and he will leave everything to her.

Twelve months later we find Woodbury still very much alive and in most excellent health. Eager to fulfil his promise he has disregarded the doctors' warnings: he has lived on alcohol and excitement and breathed nothing but night air, with the result that his liver is once more in a normal condition. But poor Dionysius is in despair. His bride, who has spent the intervening year in Russia, is on her way home, and Hector has also come back to London fresh from a very warm year in Italy. Woodbury, railing at the doctors, spends his time in picturing their discomfort at finding him still alive, an insuperable barrier to their marriage. First Hector and then Violet visit well-meaning Dionysius. Hector is decidedly truculent; Violet gentle and sympathetic. Dionysius, deeply apologetic, is ready to accept any suggestion. This is forthcoming from Hector—divorce is the only solution. Dionysius must be found in a compromising situation, a detective must be employed to produce evidence, and Violet (who knows nothing of this arrangement) will be free.

The compromising situation is exceedingly well worked—innocent, but screamingly funny. In the last act Violet comes to bid Woodbury, who is on the point of starting for America, goodbye. She has learned of the sacrifices he has made for her and of the unworthiness of the artist. Unwittingly Dionysius lets the girl see the pain he feels at the parting. She goes, only to return a few minutes before his departure ready for a journey, and announces to her mother and the radiant Dionysius that she is going to accompany her husband to America. One hasty kiss and the couple catch up their wraps and rush off to Euston to catch their train.

Mr. Charles Hawtree is gloriously perfect as Dionysius. It is a very feat of acting to watch him—every expression, each movement, every word show such polished ease. He has one delightful scene with a small American boy, Buster, which alone is worth going to see. When talking to a child on the stage, Mr. Hawtree has a wonderful knack of appearing utterly absorbed in his little companion, whom he treats as an equal, a particularly attractive touch. The Hawtree smile, the Hawtree voice, and the Hawtree finish are unique and unequalled. Miss Winifred Emery plays with all her accustomed art as the Hon. Mrs. Stevenson, but has no opportunity of showing her full power as an actress. Mr. Vane-Tempest is remarkably fine as Dionysius' valet, Griggs. The amount of character which he gets into the comparatively unobtrusive part is surprising. Mr. E. Holman Clark is, as usual, delicious in the part of a cheerful old man, hale and hearty; and Mr. John Clulow is humorously pompous as a fellow practitioner. Violet Stevenson is very prettily played by Miss Doris Lytton, a charmingly unaffected actress. She makes the girl simple, lovable, and very womanly. Master Reginald Sheffield is the dearest little American boy imaginable; his diction is exceedingly good, and he scored a well-merited success. Miss Marie George is very piquant as La Cigale, a dancer; and as her fiancé, a chef, nationality unknown. Mr. Daniel McCarthy is extremely clever. Mr. E. W. Tarrow burlesques the methods of the modern detective very skilfully; Mr. S. Grenville Darling makes a good impression as an auction man; and Mr. J. R. Tozer is quite satisfactory as a servant.

The play, which is charmingly mounted and beautifully produced by Mr. Hawtree, was rapturously received, and the curtain was raised again and again. In response to persistent demands for a speech, Mr. Hawtree appeared with the author, on whom he kept a tight hold, explaining that if he let go he (Mr. Post) would bolt like a rabbit. Mr. Hawtree expressed his gratitude for the reception the play had received, and announced his intention of always trying to win the approval of the public by endeavouring to give them what they wanted.

### ANOTHER AIRSHIP SENSATION.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE ERA.

SIR,—After reading the notices of the latest Drury Lane success I should like to call attention to the fact that for the last six months I have been at work on a drama—which has already been advertised in the theatrical papers—the sensation scene of which is a dramatic fight on the deck of an airship in full flight, between the hero (one of the Naval Flying Corps) and the villain (a foreign spy), culminating in the destruction of the airship and rescue, by a gunboat, of the hero from the open sea. This has been known to provincial managers for some time, and my bookings already extend well into 1914. This fact, I think, should prevent any charge of plagiarism when my piece is produced in the near future.—Yours faithfully,

GEO. A. DEGRAY.  
p.p. Reginald J. Turner.

### "GIRLS."

A Farce Comedy, in Three Acts, by Clyde Fitch. Produced at the Prince of Wales Theatre on Wednesday, Sept. 10.

Kate West ..... Miss Dorothy Fane  
Violet Lansdowne ..... Miss Daisy Thimm  
Pamela Purcell ..... Miss Esme Beringer  
Pamela Gordon ..... Miss Esme Belling  
The Janitor ..... Mr. Arthur T. Lennard  
The Postman ..... Mr. Alex. Brown  
Edgar Holt ..... Mr. Sam Sothern  
Loot ..... Mr. H. E. Garden  
Mr. Sprague ..... Mr. Drelncourt Odium  
Willis ..... Mr. Victor Pierpoint  
Mrs. Dennett ..... Miss Winifred Turner  
Dennett ..... Mr. Ernest Leverett  
Messenger Boy ..... Mr. Clifford Mollison

Yet another American play was seen for the first time in London at the Prince of Wales Theatre last Wednesday evening. This time the play, which is by the late Clyde Fitch, and is entitled "Girls," is described as "a farce comedy." In spite of its artificiality, it has the merit of being amusing and thoroughly well acted, and provides quite a pleasant evening's entertainment. The plot is simple and obvious, the dialogue full of racy Americanisms, the situations entertaining; and if the characters strike us as unnatural we are ready to forgive their improbability for the delightful way in which they are portrayed.

Three girls, professed man-haters, live together in what is known apparently in America as a "studio," but is extensively advertised in London papers as a "bed-sitting-room," a large pleasant apartment, in which nothing really is what it appears to be. A pretty little cupboard surrounded by a shelf, for instance, turns into a more or less comfortable bed in half a jiffy; a desk becomes on closer acquaintance a washstand, and so on. Here the three girls live on horrible suppers of eclairs and olives, and breakfasts of Camembert cheese, on which, however, they seem to thrive, their only trouble being lack of money and too frequent visits from the gushing owner of another "studio" in the same building. Here, when they have attired themselves in their pretty "nighties," and before turning into their funny little beds, they vow on crossed hampins never, never to give in or knuckle under to "man."

The instigator of the "anti-man" league is big, beautiful Pamela Gordon, "a rabid young man-hater," who leads her rather lukewarm young companions in the crusade against the "trouble-makers." The first man to defy Pamela and her principles is Edgar Holt, who takes refuge in the "studio" late one night, flying from the vengeance of a suspicious husband. Pamela's commands, threats, and tirades all fail to dislodge Edgar from his refuge; but he is finally persuaded to "quit" by the window by means of a rickety plank over which he crawls to the "studio" owned by the gushing Miss Purcell. But pretty Pamela can rid neither her dreams nor her waking hours of visions of the "trouble-maker." She and Violet Lansdowne, another of the trio, take situations in the service of a firm of lawyers; and a week later, when Pamela has become practically boss of the show, they discover that the junior partner, who was away when they were engaged, is Edgar Holt, the invader of the studio.

Acting on the principle that "all's fair in love and war," little by little Edgar teaches Pamela subjugation. Before the final and inevitable capitulation, Pamela goes through a fairly bad time. She resigns her secretarial position and drags the unwilling Violet, who has been enjoying herself in the company of a woman-hating male clerk, away to bedrock poverty at the studio, where they contemplate a "down and out" existence. It is at this stage that the flag of the "incorporated company of man-haters" is hauled down. The third member of the company, Kate West, has long since given in. The woman-hating clerk, Loot, sent on a message by the firm, is captivated in a really charming scene by the fascinating little ways and pretty domesticities of little Violet, and the intrepid Edgar storms the fort and brings proud Pamela to his arms.

Perhaps the most difficult part in the play is that undertaken by Miss Esme Beringer as Lucille Purcell, the gushing affected lady of uncertain age, vain, conceited, and selfish. It is a triumph of character acting, and once again marks Miss Beringer as the brilliant actress she has so often shown herself to be. Remembering Miss Beringer's last performance as the passionate, undisciplined factory girl in John Galsworthy's "Strife," and contrasting it with her admirable acting in such a totally different part as that of Miss Purcell in "Girls," one realises the extraordinary range of which she is capable. Miss Beringer has the art of subduing her own striking personality entirely to that of the character she is portraying—a rare and remarkable gift. Miss Esme Belling looks lovely and acts with great intensity as Pamela, the man-hater. She makes us see the woman underlying the "beastly pig-headed, bossy girl" as she is called by one of the characters. Mr. Sam Sothern as Edgar plays with that quiet ease and delightful imperceptibility for which he is noted. A fine and original little sketch of a brow-beaten clerk is given by Mr. H. E. Garden. His simple little love scene with Violet Lansdowne, played with great freshness and charm by Miss Daisy Thimm, is one of the most effective pieces of unforced acting we have seen for a long time. Miss Dorothy Fane is a bright and wholesome Kate West; Mr. Drelncourt Odium plays the part of a rather offensive elderly man with much discrimination; Miss Winifred Turner is very serviceable as a young skittish wife with an old husband; and as her partner in life Mr. Ernest Leverett gives an excellent impression of a cantankerous old man. Mr. Arthur Lennard is good as a Janitor; Mr. Alex. Brown is most satisfactory as a Postman; Mr. Clifford Mollison is a model Messenger Boy; and Mr. Victor Pierpoint is entirely adequate in a small part. The play is exceedingly well produced by Mr. Benrimo, and the scenery by Walter Hann is entirely adequate.

Miss Edith Cruikshanks, who is this week appearing under Mr. Frank Weatherby's management, at Guildford, as Lady Harborough, in the "Second in Command," rejoins the "When Knights Were Bold" company at Huddersfield, on Monday next, to resume the rôle of the Hon. Mrs. Waldegrave, for which she has been re-engaged by Mr. Arthur Whittaker.

The firm of George Marlow, Ltd., we are informed, has undergone practically a complete change by the definite retirement of Mr. George Marlow from the firm in Australia. Mr. Marlow's co-directors having purchased the whole of his interests in the firm. Mr. George Willoughby, who was managing-director with Mr. Marlow previous to the latter's retirement, now assumes control of the firm as managing-director, the office of governing-director being abolished. In the meantime, the firm will be known as George Marlow, Ltd.

George Marlow, Ltd., own the Adelphi Theatre in Sydney, the largest theatre in Australasia, which is also the head office of the firm, and the Princess Theatre in Melbourne, situate opposite the Federal Parliament House, while they control other theatres with leases, etc. Mr. Edward Thane will remain as the London agent of the new firm, and Mr. Duncan Neven has been retained as secretary and appointed in addition general-manager of the new company.



## VARIETY GOSSIP

Mr. Harry Tate, who is this week appearing at Sheffield, was prevented by business from taking part in the Cody matinee at the Hippodrome yesterday to play "Motoring," as arranged. With characteristic kindness Harry forwarded a cheque for ten guineas to the fund.

During his "surprise" turn with Miss Ella Retford at the matinee held at the Palladium last Thursday in aid of the Chiswick Empire fund, Mr. Fred Kitchen had the misfortune to lose a large amount of money from his pocket. It is thought that a thief entered Mr. Kitchen's dressing-room whilst the well-known comedian was on the stage.

Mr. C. Blyth-Pratt will present at the Oxford on Monday next a musical military play, "Nobby, V.C.," in which Mr. C. Hayden Coffin will star. Miss Daisy McGeech, composer of "Two eyes of grey," has written the book, and included in the cast are Mr. Sam Walsn and Miss Doree Thorne, daughter of Mr. Eric Thorne. "Nobby, V.C.," will be produced by Mr. Will Bishop.

The story tells how Brandon Mountain, eldest son of Lord Corradale, who has longed all his life to be a soldier, refuses to marry for money. Brandon's father turns him out of the house, and absolutely penniless the young man enlists in "King George's Own Scottish" Regiment, where he speedily becomes very popular. He takes the name of Atkins, but is known only as "Nobby," a name given him by his friend Private McGregor. During a brief but fierce skirmish in India, Nobby goes out under heavy fire, and in spite of some ugly wounds brings in a stricken comrade. In hospital he falls in love with one of the nurses. There is an unexpected and romantic finish.

"Nobby's" authoress, Miss Daisy McGeech, claims Glasgow as her home. "Two eyes of grey" was her first song, and amongst fifty songs which have since been published are two books of children's songs, "Kiddies" and "Bubbles," copies of which have been accepted by the Queen. Three of her music hall sketches are being played, one of them, "Collaborators," having been written especially for Mr. Huntley Wright. Miss McGeech has recently written a novel on "Two eyes of grey," and later on intends to write a melodrama on the same subject.

The Elliott Savonas, whose finely staged and artistic musical act was such an attractive feature of last week's programme at the Hippodrome, have just fixed up Australia with Mr. Hugh D. Macintosh, who now controls the late Harry Rickard's circuit. The energetic George Barclay, who has just recently taken charge of the business arrangements of the Elliott Savonas, is, I understand, responsible for this booking. They sail on Feb. 27, and hope to return in time to play their German tour next September.

"Silver Creek," one of the most successful cowboy sketches ever produced, is again starred in the Syndicate theatres, and is this week at the Euston. Miss Helena Millais is still the tomboy "Nance" of this little "thriller," and Mr. W. Fraser-Brunner the deep-dyed villain in moccasins. On the present tour "Silver Creek" will reach its 1,000th consecutive performance—a non-stop record as things are nowadays in music hall sketches. Miss Millais enjoys a wide reputation as a leading lady, added to ever since, in 1903, she made her first big success in "Old Heidelberg," for which she was especially selected by Sir George Alexander. At that time she was the youngest leading lady on the stage. Since then Miss Millais has played many parts in society plays, comedies, melodramas, and variety sketches.

When Miss Millais first got the "Silver Creek" company together, several of the gentlemen taking cowboy parts were really Londoners. Gradually the genuine article has been substituted. One cowboy was acquired in Liverpool. He was a native of Arizona, born but 20 miles from Silver Creek, and having worked his passage across from America, he happened to see the bills advertising Miss Millais's sketch. He applied for a part, told his story, and was at once engaged. Now there is only one more genuine cowboy required to complete the cast, and as he must be an actor too, he is very hard to find.

Miss Hetty King has certainly found a winner in her new song, "The Poppy Show," a name applied to the gaieties of the Metropolis by an old countryman when he makes up his mind to visit London. By means of a clever piece of character-acting Miss King tells of how the old man fares in London, his ultimate disappointment in its glitz and glitter, and his dejected return to his rural home. I think it is one of the very best things the popular male impersonator has given us.

Since his return from Germany just over two months ago, Mr. Will Bishop has been a very busy producer. He has the successful revue, "I Should Worry," now on a triumphal tour of London's suburbs, to his credit, and also "The Gay Lothario," launched on Monday night. Next Monday at the Oxford Mr. Bishop will produce for Mr. C. Hayden Coffin the new musical military spectacle, "Nobby, V.C.," and immediately afterwards will get into harness for the next Adelphi piece.

Bransby Williams, who is very busy just now doing one-night stands, has recently concluded three weeks in Douglas with Charles Fox, where he has made the usual very gratifying success. He writes me that during his stay in the Isle of Man he visited Mr. Hall Caine and had a very good time with the famous novelist and Mrs. Caine. Mr. Williams is playing Bournemouth, Margate, Penzance, Newquay, Weston-super-Mare, Torquay, etc., giving one or two hours' entertainment and meeting with artistic and financial success.

The clever young actor and mimic has recently been presented by an admirer with a genuine Dickens relic—the window of the little attic in 141, Boyham-street, Camden Town, occupied by Charles Dickens as a boy of eleven years of age in 1823, when the Dickens family came to London from Chatham. All particulars, letters, sale catalogue, articles, etc., concerning it are bound in old-fashioned style, and go with the window, which is enclosed in a nice case and fixes on the wall of Bransby's study—an interesting companion to the famous Maypole Inn model he received from the late J. L. Toole.

Mr. Williams, who has lately purchased a strong poem, "The Tale of an Indian Bazaar," which he produced last week, says that although his Revue is still an enormous success, all over the country the public ask for Dickens. Bransby has been compelled to refuse twenty-six weeks' tour of the States under B. F. Keith, also a road show under Marinelli, and a one-night stand tour under William Morris. Had he accepted these offers for abroad he would be away for at least two years.

Mr. Oswald Stoll has arranged that Mr. Arthur Bouchier shall begin a fortnight's return visit to the Coliseum next Monday. The piece chosen for Mr. Bouchier's re-appearance is Leo Trevor's bright comedy episode, "Doctor Johnson," in which, it will be remembered, he appeared at Sandringham on Nov. 14, 1902, before King Edward VII.

Sam Stern, who made such an enormous success on his recent visit to South Africa, has been booked through Rufe Naylor's Agency to play the Hugh D. McIntosh tour in Australia, and also a round of the African Theatres Trust houses on the return journey.

Mr. H. T. Brickwell has secured through the agency of Richard Cass and Bert West, John Bull at the piano, in selections from an extensive repertoire. Sept. 22 will be the first time, we believe, that this world-famous fingerboard has appeared at the Canterbury. Illustrations as its record is or any other establishment, in the dual capacities of vocalist and musician.

Mr. Edmund Forman, cellist, writes me that in the recent fire at the Chiswick Empire a "cello and a double bass were reduced to ashes (leaving only the charred finger-boards and metal fittings to tell the tale). The musical-director lost a very valuable collection of music, and the drummer had the whole of his plant hopelessly spoiled.

Mr. Charles M. Jones, the popular manager of the Tivoli Theatre, Dublin, has been on the sick list for some time, and his return last week fully restored to health has been a source of great pleasure to his numerous friends. There is no more popular manager in Ireland.

Mr. Hugh D. McIntosh and Mr. Rufe Naylor had a busy time last week, looking over acts for the joint Australian and African tours, and in consequence the following bookings were made through Rufe Naylor's Agency for the double tour—The Four Vagabonds, the Pasquas, Thorne and Leopold, Les Georges, John Earl, and Phil Kaufman.

Big Ben Brown informs me that he has secured little Charlie Clark, late of the Palladium Minstrels, and the new firm will be known as Brown, Newland, and Clark. They will open at the Empire, Stratford, on Sept. 29, with "Slocum's Dog" and the ever-popular "Black Justice."

The 200th performance of "Come Over Here" at the London Opera House was celebrated last night, when a solid silver souvenir was presented to every member of the audience. Over four hundred thousand people have now seen this attractive revue, and it appears likely to draw large audiences for many months to come. It is officially stated that a ladies' swimming club has been formed at the London Opera House. The secret of what becomes of those daring ladies who disappear beneath the water in the Venetian Lake scene has been so well kept that many people declare the whole scene is an illusion, and that the bathers do not enter the water at all. To dispel this it has now been arranged that some of the bathers shall not simply walk down into the water but take a header from the steps.

Mr. T. E. Polden, presiding at the meeting of the Palace Theatre (Ltd.), on Thursday, said that the most successful year's working in the history of the undertaking had resulted in record receipts of £117,816. That had left them an increase in net profits of £2,579. In the last six years they had earned profits of £170,000, and had paid dividends totalling 115 per cent. Apart from the question of artists' salaries, the working expenses were about the same, allowing for extra performances, as the year before, and the anticipated profit on the new electric light installation had been realised. The directors proposed a dividend of 20 per cent. for the year.

Mr. Alfred Butt, the managing director, said that during the past year music halls and theatres of varieties had had to face probably more competition than in any previous period. First, there was an addition to their numbers of at least one house, with a very large seating capacity, and, second, the successful development of the great spectacular production, involving enormous expenditure, both in initial outlay and subsequent running. The Palace Theatre, said Mr. Butt, had not, so far, gone in for those productions, preferring to maintain a class of entertainment distinct from all others, but determined to continue to present a unique entertainment, consisting of the best possible artistes to be obtained, but they had been forced, on account of the excessive competition, to pay higher salaries. The result was that their expenses this year in this respect were 50 per cent. over what they were five years ago.

It must, however, be very pleasing to know that, notwithstanding this fact, their receipts this year were the highest in the history of the house, so that the Palace Theatre had more than maintained its popularity. He sincerely hoped that the time might not be far distant when there would be a better understanding between the various managements, and he was quite sure that such a state of affairs would be better, not only for the public, but for the artistes in general. Meanwhile, until such time arrived, no effort would be spared to keep the Palace Theatre in such a position that it would have the most favourable opportunity for presenting—so far as the directors could judge—to the ever-changing public taste all that was best and brightest in the variety world, and most attractive to their patrons.

Sir Joseph Lyons, in proposing a vote of thanks to the chairman and directors, said that the shareholders were all gratified to know that the Palace Theatre still held its record for high-class and artistic entertainments, which was proved by the patronage which the performances received. The directors deserved every praise for their efforts. Mr. Butt (the managing director) had, like his predecessor (the late Mr. Charles Morton), become a personality to the establishment, and the satisfactory report and balance-sheet which had just been presented were a proof of what he, in conjunction with the other members of the board, had been able to do for the shareholders. With such an able and energetic body of directors he thought the success of the Palace Theatre was assured.

The sway of rag-time over the sensibilities of the great B.P. has been long and enduring, and it bids fair to continue while such captivating numbers are indited as the latest which Henry E. Pether (not an American this time!) has composed, and, in his clever song, "The rag-time postman," which Austen Hargrove will make the salient feature of his new revue, "And very nice, too." All who have been privileged to witness Mr. Hargrove's wonderful stage-managerial feats in his previous great successes, "Hullo, Ragtime!" and "What ho, Ragtime!" will readily realise the immense possibilities for ensembles, etc., of the new number. The lyric of "The rag-time postman" is from the practiced pen of John P. Harrington, who in his hours of leisure penned "I like your apron and your bonnet." Although "The rag-time postman" is not yet published something like a dozen talking-machine companies purpose issuing it in "record" form and record time.

Mr. Charles Terry (brother of Miss Ellen Terry and Mr. Fred Terry) has resigned his management of the Theatre Royal, Dublin. His successor has not yet been appointed. Mr. Hamilton (secretary) is making an efficient substitute.

Mr. John Lawson, of "Humanity" fame, has, I hear, taken over the Alexandra Theatre, Belfast, which will be re-opened on Monday, Sept. 29. The various attractions to be provided will include vaudeville, pantomime, pictures, etc., and it is anticipated that Mr. Lawson's latest venture will prove a success. We understand that the name of the theatre is to be altered to the Tivoli, and that Mr. J. Leicester Jackson, who has been identified with the Alexandra since it was built, will act as general manager.

The 3 Rollasons, who have had an uninterrupted run in the provinces of nearly eighteen months, are appearing at the Canterbury this week in a military episode entitled "The King's Own," from the pen of Herbert Sidney.

Mr. G. E. France, of the Devonport Hippodrome, is this week providing a bumper programme to celebrate the fifth anniversary of one of the most popular halls in the provinces. Splendid business is being done, and Mr. France is receiving congratulations on all sides both on the success of the hall and his personal management.

Mr. Leo Vint has taken over the picture palace (late Palace Theatre and Hippodrome) at the corner of Gold-street, Northampton, and will open it on Monday next with pictures and variety turns, giving two shows nightly at popular prices.

At the usual weekly committee meeting of the M.H.A.R.A., held on Wednesday afternoon at the offices of the Association, the following members were present—Messrs. Monte Bayly (in the chair), Harry Blake, T. C. Callaghan, Wm. Welsh, and Henri Bekker. Mr. W. Bray acted as secretary. The usual routine business was discussed, the weekly statement showing an increase of thirty-one new members and receipts of £56 10s. 6d.

The Vaudeville Lodge of Instruction will hold its first anniversary dinner on Thursday afternoon, Sept. 25, at the Boulogne Restaurant, Gerrard-street, W., immediately after the usual weekly meeting. Tickets, 2s. 6d. each, for which early application is requested to the Secretary of the V.L.I.

Miss Elly Beadell is producing a new song at the East Ham Palace next Monday by Hal and B. Simmons, junr. "Garden of Fairland" is its title, and the original electrical effects introduced will doubtless add considerably to its attractiveness.

Flying matinees by variety stars at Luton are attracting splendid business. Last Wednesday the "Queen of Comedienne," Miss Marie Lloyd, was given the heartiest of welcomes by a packed house. Miss Louie Frear is due to appear on Sept. 24, and the popular Charles Coburn the week after.

Little Fred Zola, accompanied by his wife, will sail for India per P. and O. s.s. Malta. Zola, who hopes to return in March to fulfil another tour with Moss' Empires, wishes to thank Mr. Oswald Stoll, Mr. Charles Gulliver, and Mr. Newsome for releasing him. During his absence abroad—the first time he has ever been out of this country—Mr. Fred Higham will continue to look after his interests. Little Zola, it is interesting to note, has played eighteen pantomimes, including Drury Lane, the Lyceum, and the Surrey, London, and many of the important provincial houses.

Many of my readers have doubtless received week by week a series of "Keep 'em guessing" postcards. The first was a blank, the next had one character written on it, the next two, and so on. This is an ingenious and novel method of advertising introduced by that "wide-awake vaudevilian," William Berol, to attract attention to Menetekel, the writing ball, a clever act that created much wonderment when it was seen at the Palladium last year.

This unique method of advertising has evidently appealed to an American preacher, for an up-to-date churchman in Kentucky, marvelling at the way people flocked to see Menetekel, decided to try a similar method of filling his church. Copying the style of card, he incidentally advertised "Mene-tekel," and this, with the line "will be fully explained" underneath, drew "standing room only" to his church. The "explanation," I hear, consisted of the recitation from Daniel v. 25, followed by a sermon on "The Handwriting on the Wall."

Chas. W. and John R. Poole's great myrioramic "Warfare Review, 1805-1915," one hundred years of war and a look beyond, comprising tableaux of the greatest battles in the world's history and terminating in a terrific contest in the clouds, will be produced at the Cardiff Empire on Sept. 22. In the last tableau a full-sized British monoplane will be introduced. The "Warfare Review" is invented and staged in its entirety by Mr. John R. Poole, and promises to be a most interesting and realistic production.

Will Ino, "the ideal woman," as an admirer recently christened him, has been secured by Messrs. Will Collins and Co. for the Hippodrome, Exeter, where he will open on Monday, Sept. 22. Will Ino, whose method is quaint, original, and refined, can wear the attire of the opposite sex without giving offence to the most inflexible of Mrs. Grundy's disciples. His humour is bright and incisive. In addition to being the ideal woman, Mr. Will Ino should prove an ideal dame for pantomime.

The Three Rosslys made their initial appearance at the Nottingham Empire last week in an exceedingly dainty and refined musical act, consisting of solos, duets, and trios. They not only proved cultured vocalists, but showed an artistic instinct that should carry them far. The audience quickly recognised their merit, and gave them an enthusiastic welcome.

As is the usual condition of things on the annual festival night, the Grand Theatre, Derby, was crowded to the doors at both performances on Wednesday evening, the 10th inst. The occasion was the benefit which Mr. T. Allan Edwards year by year accords to his two local acting-managers, Mr. C. Denley, of the Grand, and Mr. T. W. Moyes, of the Palace, and the attendance testified in unmistakable manner to the esteem in which these gentlemen are held by their patrons. A programme of exceptional excellence was arranged—there were no fewer than twenty turns—and each item was cordially received.

Mr. Guy E. Dunning, who has for years been secretary to Mr. A. E. Pickard, of Glasgow, has now been appointed general manager and secretary for all Mr. Pickard's enterprises. Mr. Arthur King is booking manager, and Mr. William Sinclair remains in charge of the Panopticon, once the famous Britannia Music Hall, the oldest entertainment hall in Glasgow, dating as it does from 1857.

THE PILGRIM.

## THE "SPOT LIGHT."

BY THE SCRUTINEER.

### BRAIN THIEVES AT LARGE.

The growth of the dominion of vaudeville has been rapid during the last twelve months, and the opening up of the South African and Australian market has found an outlet for many acts who possibly would have empty, or at least sparse, date books. It is acknowledged on all sides, also, that the day of the fat salary for these Colonial engagements has vanished, and the system of the present developers and handlers of these markets is in sharp distinction to that of their predecessors. This concerns us not at all, but what does concern us is the methods of business employed by some Colonial managers in encouraging the theft of the material of standard acts—by playing copies of well-known turns now popular in this country. We must confess that we are not entirely free from this plague in the United Kingdom, but the present copyright law, although very deficient as regards the just claims of Vaudeville, has yet some slight chance of keeping these brain thieves "within the law."

One country alone has the unenviable reputation of being the happy paradise of the brain thief, and that is Australia. It used at first to be confined to the native performer—if we can so term him—and the greatest cause of complaint lay in the song-stealing department. Our English turns would find that their latest, best, and name-making numbers had been hacked to death by incompetent and unauthorised persons. Ask any well-known comedian or comedienne who has played that country during the last ten years their experience as to the "lifting" of the material. But now that the country has been opened up by three or four syndicates, with the consequent use of many more "imported" acts, the situation has become grave in the extreme. We regret to record the fact that there must be something very wrong in the Vaudeville world when co-called "brother and sister" artistes deliberately lay themselves out to "lift" other people's performances with the avowed intention of playing them "down under." We have heard performers—and they have good names over here—state they were going out armed with a good repertoire of stuff so that they could make a prolonged stay outside the confines of the United Kingdom. We were advised ourselves, if such a tour were contemplated, to go and do likewise, or be branded for ever as a fool. And to confirm that this was no idle talk we were informed how simple the matter was.

### AN ACT FOR 4s.

Producing from his pocket a typewritten document, neatly spaced and ruled in red ink, our informant showed us the exact script of a sketch then being played at the Tivoli. Our informant told us that he had found a stenographer, sent him there, and he had sat through the show and taken down in shorthand every line of dialogue and every stage action of the sketch in question, and the price paid for this was four shillings. This stenographer is now working overtime in this very town doing the same thing under "sealed orders." The stenographer professed to be satisfied, the buyer was more than gratified, and maybe the owner of the act will be more than mortified. Now, this is only one case of many, and we quote it to show how far the business has been systematised, and that none are immune from so detestable an action. We were further informed that the copyright law as it concerned Australia did not matter, as there was an ever open market there for all material, and that the demand was greater than the supply. In justifying his action we were told about an English act "down under," putting on and getting away with some of the highest grade acts over here, and on the similarity being remarked upon by managers—after the act had been "given away"—they were coolly informed that they, the "lifters," were the originators, and that the home act was the "copy." We were further informed that it is safe to say that every act of stellar repute over here had its duplicate over there, and that, as before stated, many of these offenders are regular English acts.

### WHAT REMEDY?

Here's the rub. Apart from legal action—and we must candidly admit that this would be of a complicated nature, and at the end a costly and unsatisfactory proceeding—it should be possible to evolve some scheme to preserve an artiste's act for his own use in any part of the world not covered by international copyright. We are minded of the intentions from time to time voiced by the officials of all the organisations of artistes throughout the world. Those intentions are still "intentions," and seem likely to remain so. The law of honour should be stronger than that of any law. A campaign against the "brain filcher" should be undertaken by the artistes' organisations, and although for the moment the task seems impossible, much can be accomplished by strenuous effort and concentrated action. What has become of the strongly worded resolution unanimously adopted by the delegates at the Conference of the World's League of Artistes held in Paris in the summer of 1911? This resolution was subsequently unanimously endorsed at general meetings of the English, French, German and American organisations, yet in the year 1913 things are worse confounded. Personally, we have no axe to grind, but from the independent standpoint of the honour of the industry in general and the moral rectitude of individuals in particular, it is time that this subject was tackled seriously and determinedly. The management have the right to demand of the act the assignment papers or other documents conclusively proving rights or "territorial" rights. If these are forged then there is the chance of criminal action for uttering such documents. But, for the present, we are not concerned with the managerial attitude, as "down under" they can plead ignorance as to the existence of the "originals." There should be the effective weapon to the hand of all right-thinking men and women who are in Vaudeville for the sake of the living it affords. That is, to

### SHUN AND BOYCOTT

each and every person who has been proved to be a "brain filcher," and induce others to do like

wise, not only on general grounds, but also on personal grounds. A "brain filcher" never discriminates between the acts of his "friends" when it concerns his pockets. His "friend's" act might be the next on the list, and deservedly so, if that "friend," knowing him to be a thief of other people's acts, continues to associate with him as if he were a person fit to be in the company of honest men and women. If the V.A.F., the I.A.L., the W.E.A.U. of Australia, and the U.S.A.L. care not to enter into such a campaign, to which they are pledged by a resolution of mutual defence and support, surely there are a sufficient number of high-minded men and women of these organisations who by words and action could put into practice and on record their detestation of such people. The highest and the lowest-paid performer all in turn suffer from these vaudeville pirates. The smaller the more so, as to him his "gag" or his "act" means more than maybe it does to the more affluent. The fact of one "brain thief" being successful and receiving no punishment, either moral or legal, is a great inducement for others to take heart of indifference and follow his example. In such a campaign there can be no "exceptions," and like all movements, to be successful, there can be no lukewarmness. The action must be sustained, and wholehearted, and with "isolation," utter and complete, the disease will be cured, we trust never to return.

### SHAUN GLENVILLE SHORN OF PROVINCIALISM.

Mr. Shaun Glenville entered "The Era" office with a carburetor in one hand and a sheaf of congratulatory Press notices in the other. He was only one hour and a half late for his appointment. The interviewer, like the carburetor, was choking, and very dry.

"What do you think of your part in your first West End production?" asked the dry interviewer.

"Oh, quite all right."

"You are quite satisfied with the reception you got?"

"Oh, I was more than satisfied. I was astonished."

"What did Miss Dorothy Ward think of it?"

"She thought I was better than she had ever seen me before."

"Of course, she could not be prejudiced?" the interviewer asked naively.

"Oh, no, she is very fair."

"Certainly, I remember that she is not dark," growled the interviewer.

"When did you first think of coming into London?"

"I have always thought of it."

"How many years have you been touring the provinces?"

"I have been in England over 13 years."

"Is that your lucky number, 13?"

"Yes, I was married on the 13th; I have been in London 13 years; I had 113 wires wishing me luck last night; I tried on 13 pairs of trousers before the dress trousers in which I appeared assumed the proper concertina proportions. After the show I had—but this is going into matters that are quite irrelevant."

"How many people are there in the cast?"

"More or less than 13. I first rehearsed on the 13th, my contract is dated the 13th, and on the 13th of next month I am expecting—but you had better see Mrs. Glenville about that, as you are leading me into domestic secrets."

"What are your pantomime successes?"

"Principal comedian in last four record successes in the country, in Edinburgh, Newcastle, Glasgow, and Liverpool, and I am hoping to be a success next year in Manchester."

"Do you find any distinctive difference between the audiences at the Empire in Leicester-square and the audiences in the provinces?"

"Oh, yes, they want a subtle humour at the Empire, whereas in the provinces you have got to let them know what you are talking about."

"Where will your success last night lead you to?"

"I hope always along the strict path of virtue."

"Will you have a drink?" the interviewer asked.

Mr. Glenville was too full for words.

## ACTS, ARTISTES, AND AGENTS.

Henochberg, Son, and Co., Ltd., Johannesburg, have been appointed sole Johannesburg booking agents for the various theatres belonging to the African Theatres Trust, Ltd.

Mr. Jesse Sparrow, for many years associated with the control and management of various "independent" houses, has established an agency business at 61, Chandos-street, Charing Cross-road, W.C., under the title of the Vaudeville Business Bureau.

Guy and Grahame sailed on Saturday by the Briton to open with the African Theatres Trust, Ltd., booked through Messrs. Will Collins and Co.

Amongst the artistes who sailed from Southampton on Saturday by the s.s. Briton for South Africa, to fulfil engagements at the Empire, Johannesburg, booked by Sydney M. Hyman, Ltd., were:—Thornton and Wagner, Cartia and Mirziana, Violet Vernon, Elsie Fay and Co., and White and Grey.

Mr. Julian Wylie left London on Friday for Paris, where he will stay until the end of this week. Mr. Buchanan Taylor, managing director of the V.B.O., has returned to town.

Park's Eton Boys and Gorton Girls are appearing this week at the London Hippodrome, where they are making a very gratifying success. This is their first appearance in the West End for some considerable time. Mr. Willie Benn, of Benn's Agency, tells me they are nearly always in the provinces, breaking records, and it is apparent they are equally popular with London audiences.

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Once in a while we locate artists whose gifts are of an all-round character, that is to say, there is nothing in music hall art that they cannot undertake with credit to themselves and pleasure to their audience. One of the most successful in this regard is undoubtedly Miss Lil Hawthorne. At the present time this popular artist is featuring with the maximum of success two Feldman numbers in the titles, "When I lost you" and "Someone is coming to our house." These two numbers represent two distinct styles, although the same versatile author (Irving Berlin) is responsible for both, and Miss Hawthorne has succeeded, apparently with the greatest freedom and ease, in adapting herself to both, thus proving both versatility and vocal brilliancy.

Much appreciative comment has been showered on Mr. Roland George Jarvis's Versatile Snowdrops by the people of Leicester during the past week. This bright little company has the happy knack of selecting only those numbers which will give pleasure to their audiences. Their programme in Leicester included several excellent Feldman numbers, which have proved highly successful wherever featured, and the present occasion was no exception to the general rule of "Feldman First." A special song scene based on the lovely ballad, "Mother Machree," scored a tremendous success, Miss Dolly Raynor coming in for special and highly flattering notice for her singing of this expressive item. Other successes in the same turn included "Kentucky Days," "Military Mary Ann," "Rag-time Soldierman," and numerous others of Feldman's conspicuous ragtime hits.

The demand for the Lawrence Wright-Feldman Scotch ballad, "I'm coming back to Bonnie, Bonnie Scotland" by pantomime producers has been keeping both these publishing houses working at top speed. All producers who have not heard this song should not fail to call in at Feldman or Wright's office at once.

EMPIRE, SHOREDITCH.

An excellent programme has been submitted by Mr. G. T. Richards, and flourishing business is the result. Miss Kitty Grey, the possessor of a sweet and tuneful voice, opens the programme, and was well rewarded for her efforts, the rendering of "The magic of your voice" being heartily received. Mr. Harry Marlow, a light comedian who is rapidly coming to the front, has two excellent numbers, the second, dealing with the Insurance Act, being the better of the two.

Mr. Bert Coote and his company present the ever-popular "A Lamb on Wall-street," keeping the audience in a merry mood during its performance. Mr. Chas. Cohan, of Lowenwirth and Cohan, is making his first appearance as a single turn, and to judge by the tumultuous applause that greeted the conclusion of his act, will no doubt be in great demand. He has some excellent stories to relate, and his numbers, which are chiefly parodies, are rendered in a clever manner.

Miss Maud Tiffany, an American artist of exceptional ability, came in for a hearty reception, which was thoroughly deserved, her three numbers being well received. Jenny Castelle, another charming and dainty artist, received unstinted appreciation for her work. Billy Hobbs, a clever comedian and dancer, was given a hearty reception. Clark and Glenny, in their sketch, "The Haunted House," kept the company highly amused. Duncan and Godfrey are presenting their amusing coster sketch, which greatly appeals to audiences. During the evening the bio-scope depicted a splendid film, "A fighting chance"; and a word of praise must be extended to the orchestra, under the capable baton of Mr. W. McDonald. Mr. Bryan, late of the Olympia, Shoreditch, has been appointed assistant to Mr. Munro.

COLISEUM ROYAL MATINEE.

The King, through the Right Hon. Sir William Carrington, has approved the leading features of the performance at the Coliseum on Oct. 11, organised by Mme. Sarah Bernhardt in aid of the Charing Cross Hospital and the French Hospital in London. The King and Queen have graciously expressed their intention, together with other members of the Royal Family, of being present. And special efforts are being made by Mr. Oswald Stoll to make the "Good Samaritan" performance a memorable one.

Our own Ellen Terry will make a very welcome appearance and speak a few words written by Mr. Owen Seaman; and the great French actress and her company will appear in Act II. of Racine's "Phedre." In a musical sketch by Seymour Hicks and Max Pemberton many favourites of the musical comedy stage will appear, including: Miss Constance Dwyer, Miss Ruth Vincent, Miss Ellaline Terriss, Miss Florence Smithson, Mr. W. H. Berry, Mr. Joseph Coyne, Mr. George Grose-Smith, and Mr. C. H. Workman. "Ten Little Nigger Boys all in a Row," written and produced by Mr. Harry Grattan, promises to be very prolific of laughter, played as it will be by such a fine company of comedians as Mr. Fred Eganey, Mr. Will Evans, Mr. George Formby, Mr. George Graves, Mr. Neil Kenyon, Mr. Alfred Lester, Mr. George Mozart, Mr. George Robey, Mr. Mark Sheridan, and Mr. Huntley Wright. There will be a Revue Tabloid, played by the most famous Revue artists in Paris, and arranged and produced by Mme. Rasimi. Among the many well-known artists who have promised to appear are Mr. Robert Hale, Mr. W. C. Fields, Mme. Yvette Guilbert, Messrs. Gree and Wood, Mr. Harry Tate, Mr. Harry Fragon, Mlle. Lydia Kyasbi, Mr. G. P. Huntley, Mme. Kirk's Lunn, Mr. Billy Merson, and Mr. James Watt.

"The Marseillaise" will be played by a largely-augmented orchestra under the conductorship of Sir Henry J. Wood, at the close of the programme followed by the National Anthem, the solo of which will be sung by Mr. Ivor Foster. A unique scheme of decoration has been approved for both the auditorium and the new Royal boxes, which are being specially constructed, and the entire house will be transformed into a "golden palace of a thousand lights." The new Royal boxes are being erected on the right-hand side of the auditorium, next to the stage. The old exit from the Coliseum into Chancery-street will be converted into a beautiful reception hall, whilst new Royal lounges, etc., are being specially built to give direct access to the Royal boxes. Upwards of thirty seats have already been allotted for the use of the Royal party. The curtain will rise at 8.30 p.m., on the entrance into the theatre of their Majesties and the Royal party.

"A Race for Honour," the elaborately staged dramatic playlet which scored such an emphatic success last week at the Grand Theatre, Derby, is this week at the Hippodrome, Nottingham. The sketch, which is under the direction of Mr. T. Allan Edwards and Mr. Sinclair Neill, has been seen by many of the leading managers and agents, and is being rapidly booked up.

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"THE GAY LOTHARIO."

A Vaudeville in One Scene, by C. H. Bovill. Music by Frank Tours. Produced at the Empire Theatre, on Monday, Sept. 15.  
Sir George Toorish ..... Mr. Shaun Glenville  
John James Cheesehouse ..... Mr. Rene Koval  
Charles Simpson ..... Mr. Vernon Watson  
Mr. Valentine Vere ..... Mr. Charles Troode  
Fritz ..... Mr. Fred Payne  
Mrs. Simpson ..... Miss Kate Sergeantson  
Dahlia ..... Miss Unity More  
Miss Peacock ..... Miss Florence Helm  
Miss Wingle ..... Miss Peggy Evelyn  
Valerie ..... Miss Maide Hope

The qualities of a "vaudeville" as revealed in the newest production at the Empire are shown to consist of fun in unlimited quantities, catchy and melodious music, and the appearance of pretty ladies arrayed in an endless variety of costumes. A near approach is thus made to musical comedy, but compressed as it is into the space of an hour, the new production surpasses that form of entertainment in briskness of action, with the result that the crowded audience at the Empire on Monday quite surrendered to the brightness and constant variety of the piece.

The plot has some claim to freshness. Mr. Valentine Vere, a gentleman of means, has wooed and won the stage-struck Dahlia Simpson by allowing her to believe that he is the comedian of that name who is the idol of the ladies who flock to "Bailey's Theatre, London." The actor himself, who bears the unromantic name of John James Cheesehouse, has recently wedded a merry widow named Valerie, but is obliged to keep the union secret, as he is under contract with his manager, Sir George Toorish, who appears to merit the description contained in the title, not to marry within a certain period, the penalty being £5,000. When, therefore, the amorous Sir George arrives at the Grand Hotel at Seahaven where the honeymoon is to be spent, the happiness of the young couple is seriously disturbed, especially when Sir George makes love to Valerie under the enraged eye of the bridegroom, who himself forfeits the esteem of his bride by leading Dahlia through the intricacies of a stage waltz. Eventually explanations are forthcoming, and the impresario joins the hands of both youthful couples.

Of the half-score numbers in the piece the one that lingers in the ear is "The Gay Lothario" waltz, which rises and falls with tuneful rhythm, and will assuredly become immensely popular. Another melodious lyric is "Nobody wears a nightie now," sung by Dahlia clad in pyjamas with a chorus similarly arrayed, and manipulating lighted candles picturesquely. Valerie's song, "Our honeymoon," is of an operatic character with an effective accompaniment.

Honours in the fun-making were secured by Mr. Shaun Glenville, a comedian of infinite resource, who played Sir George Toorish. His humour was unflinching throughout, and there was a laugh for every line. His song, "You'd never know the old place now," was rendered with irresistible drollery, and all the effect possible was extracted out of "Shan't we have a time?" a trio in which Sir George and Valerie figured. Mr. Glenville comes to the Empire for the first time, but it may safely be predicted that he will rank in future among the established London comedians. Miss Maide Hope was a gay and dashing Valerie, and her lines were delivered with particular smartness, while the "Honeymoon" ballad and a song of advice to little ladies were sung with equal excellence.

The imitative skill of Mr. Vernon Watson was happily utilised in the part of an aspirant to Thespian fame, who carries on his conversations in the manner of various popular actors, but has to suffer the unpleasantness of his Martin Harvey being mistaken for Sir Herbert Tree. Some of the merriest moments of the piece were due to Mr. Watson, who is admirably suited in the lyric, "If I go on the stage." Mr. Rene Koval acted with remarkable spirit and vivacity as John James, and the sprightliness and charm of Miss Unity More were of infinite value as the dainty Dahlia, her nimble feet figuring effectively in the "Gay Lothario" dance with Vere, in the pyjama manoeuvres, and in the waltz with the comedian. Mr. Charles Troode was all that was required as Valentine Vere, the retiring gentleman forced against his will into the glare of the footlights, and Mr. Fred Payne was a comic German waiter. A fascinating leader of a ladies' band was found in Miss Florence Helm, Miss Peggy Evelyn was a vivacious lady clerk, and Miss Kate Sergeantson as a society dame gave another of those impersonations for which she is so popular.

The scene, painted by J. T. Bull and Son, was an idealised impression of a seaside hotel, gay with flowers and foliage, while the effect caught through the window of the moon shining on the rippling water was marvellously realistic. All the performers were heartily recalled at the close, and the authors and producer had also to appear.

"A DIPLOMATIC AFFAIR."

Playlet, Produced on Monday, Sept. 15, at the Alexandra Theatre, Stoke Newington.

Miss Iva Bell and company appeared on Monday in this new sketch. The scene is laid in the private study of Count Kitchenoff in the Russian Embassy at Paris, and the time is the present day. There are three characters—Count Kitchenoff, the daughter (name not given) of an inventor of a highly explosive powder, and a footman. The plot—if it can be called such—deals with the sale of the secret of the explosive to the Count, who attempts to make love to the pretty girl. She escapes his unwelcome attentions by leading him to believe that the small box she holds in her hand contains powder sufficient to blow up the house. It certainly contains powder—but only of the face variety.

The artists engaged had little opportunity in this piece to display their powers of acting owing to the trifling nature of the plot.

Other items in the programme at this theatre include Mr. Charles Capper, a popular whistling soloist; Miss Elsie Bower, described as the gem of juvenile comedienne; and an extra turn in Harry Sims, comedian. There is also an excellent array of pictures, the most prominent among them being "Ivanhoe."

Mr. Willie Benn, of Benn's Agency, is back again in London after a flying visit round the provinces. He tells me he has secured several attractive novelties, which will shortly be produced in the West End.

On Sunday last the staff and orchestra employed by Messrs. Hamilton and Hughes at the Co-operative Hall, Crewe, had their first annual outing to Bickerton, the party, numbering 35, having a most enjoyable time. The trip was under the direction of the popular manager, Mr. George Burton, who, during the evening, proposed the toast of "Our Proprietors," Messrs. Hamilton and Hughes, two of the best, for whom he was pleased to be manager, and for whom everybody had the great respect. Mr. Burton said he hoped to make the Co-operative Hall one of the best houses on their tour, knowing as he did that he had the co-operation of every member of the staff and orchestra.



## SONGS, WRITERS, AND SINGERS

Mr. Bert Errol, writing the Star Co., last week, from the Empire, South Shields, said: "Pleased to say 'When love creeps in your heart' was great here last night." Miss Louise Zeitlin made a decided success at the Palace, Tottenham, last week, with the same ballad, and Miss Olga Du Barry is also singing it at Southampton this week. This ballad, with special choral effects, will form one of the principal features of Mr. Amsten Hargun's new revue, "And very nice, too," when it is produced on the 20th inst.

Miss Daisy Dormer, who is singing the Star Co.'s two great chorus songs, "Hey, ho, can't you hear the steamer?" and "Marco Pizzicato," at Liverpool this week, with the most emphatic success, is one of the latest star artistes to fall beneath the spell of Mills and Scott's "Popey Wopsy," undoubtedly one of the best light comedy songs for principal girls ever devised. One can imagine the archness with which this dainty singer will render the piquant lines.

Mr. G. H. Elliott has written the Star Co. most glowingly about the immense success of his latest "conductor" song, by Mills and Scott, "Oh, la, la, that angel music-man," which has been a great triumph at all his provincial engagements, and which he is rendering nightly at Shepherd's Bush Empire this week. The Star Co. are to be congratulated on their latest Elliott success.

In a characteristic letter to the Star Co., Mr. Barclay Gammon speaks of the enormous success he has made everywhere with Robert A. Innes' fine ragtime skit, "Who killed ragtime?" The genial entertainer says: "I expect it will be a big hit for pantomime, seeing how strong it is as a single number," and present portents indicate that Mr. Barclay Gammon will be a sooth-sayer in this connection.

That fine new "duo," Miss Maude Walsh and Mr. Barry Ono, writing the Star Co. from the Empire, York, say: "More than pleased to tell you that we are doing simply terrific with 'Hey, ho, can't you hear the steamer?' Last week, at Newcastle, all records were beaten, with the exception of holiday weeks. This was our encore number, and they literally rose to us after the first verse. It is the same here, at York. What a number, and what results!"

Miss Ida Revell, who is at Gloucester this week, was highly successful at Collins' last, with the Star Co.'s two great song hits, "Time will always bring forgiveness," and "Charley had never been wed before," which she sings with irresistible brio and charm.

### CHISWICK EMPIRE MATINEE.

A large audience attended the matinee which was held at the Palladium on Thursday in aid of the fund for the relief of those who suffered from the recent fire at the Chiswick Empire. The cheaper seats were all occupied, and though there were some vacant stalls, most of these were probably paid for.

No fewer than fifty-eight turns comprised a remarkably varied and interesting programme. There were very few absentees, and the whole-hearted support accorded to it by the profession—both on the stage and in the auditorium—made the performance an undoubted success.

The most effective item in the programme was provided by Miss Ella Reford, who appeared seated on a settee and singing the new ballad, "You made me love you" to a male companion, who, leaning on the back of the settee and facing the back-cloth, baffled all efforts at identification. It was not until the last chorus of the song that the gentleman faced the footlights, and proved to be Mr. Fred Kitchen, attired as a dude, but smiling through his familiar facial make-up. To the large number who recognised the well-known sketch comedian the surprise was extremely amusing. Miss Reford rendered the song with characteristic ability.

Mr. Eugene Stratton and Mr. Albert Chevalier sang old favourites in "The Little Octoroon" and "I can't keep my eyes off your feet" respectively. Both these famous entertainers received tremendous applause, a similar remark applying to Miss Hetty King, who sang a new number in "The Poppy Show." This song suits Miss King better than any that she has had for a very long time. Among the other artists who contributed to the programme were Guy and Grammie, Chas. Norman, Les Belle, (Police including La Belle Berrana), Dusty Rhodes, George Newburn, Alice Lieberman, Beth Tate, Helms Frederick, The Femina Quartette, Grock and Lolé, George Robey, Sammy Shields, Thornley Dodge, Lilian Synn, Fred Emney, T. E. Dunn, and the Dillon Shallard Operatic Trio. Coming to the Cape Girls, Brown and Navarro, Peter Barlow and the American Rag-time Octette.

**AMUSEMENTS IN WOLVERHAMPTON.**

**THEATRE ROYAL.**—S. L., and M., Mr. F. G. Kimberley; Mus. D., Mr. Harry Bradley.—A play by Mrs. F. G. Kimberley is always a great attraction here, for the patrons know full well they are going to get something good. Small wonder then, that a crowded house on Monday night gave Mr. and Mrs. Harry Lyndon's company a hearty reception in "The Pet of the Ranch." Mr. A. Austin Lea as Philip Trelyan was really excellent in every way; he got at the hearts of the audience from the very first, and kept them to the end. Mr. Stephen Langton was sufficiently villainous as Mexican Joe. Too much praise cannot be accorded to Mr. Edgar Morgan for his conception of Ben. But his comical and amusing freshness, whilst he proved that he could be extremely pathetic when occasion demanded. Miss Iza Lyndon as Zelda, the "pet of the ranch," sustained the part with an irresistible maidenly charm; and Miss Amy Ellam successfully doubled the parts of Margaret and Mincor. The cast also includes Messrs. D. J. Boesher, Harry Lyndon, Walter Pink, Frank Guest, W. Tellow, Chas. Eagle Eye, Lone Star, and Miss Marion Maynard and Miss Grace Jones.

**EMPIRE**—S. L. Mr. Walter de Foece; M. M. Alex. Galey; Mrs. D. Mr. E. R. Pope—Topping the bill this week are the Oh-I-O Girls, thirty number, who give excellent renderings of old-time minstrel songs and the latest syncopated successes. Viviana and company appear in "The Toy Shop," in which the comicalities of Mark Lupin are much enjoyed. Nora Lyric, in her latest songs, is as popular as ever. The new production also includes the Oakes Duo, in "Making a Man of Her"; Happy Atwood, comedian; Doc Grey, the mythical magician, assisted by Vida; and Vida, Peck, eccentric comedian.

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| Reg. No. | AUTHORS' MSS. FOR DISPOSAL.                                                                                                                                                                             |
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| 668      | Song (words and music), "The Flag of the Empire."                                                                                                                                                       |
| 669      | Song (words and music), "When the setting sun was low."                                                                                                                                                 |
| 670      | Song (words only), "A soldier's life's the life for me."                                                                                                                                                |
| 671      | "I'm daff for potted head."                                                                                                                                                                             |
| 672      | "I'm not a wind-dresser, friend."                                                                                                                                                                       |
| 673      | Dramatic sketch, for 2 persons, man and wife; scene, dining-room.                                                                                                                                       |
| 674      | Farical comedy sketch, 5 characters (travel four), dubs, dude, Seymour Hicks and Ellaline Terriss parlo; plays about 15 minutes; props, carried in ordinary hamper; costumes modern with one exception. |
| 675      | Synopsis of one-act farce, 3 males, 2 females; about 20 minutes; scene, interior of modern flat.                                                                                                        |
| 676      | Synopsis of one-act dramatic sketch, 1 principal male, 2 principal females, 2 other males who speak two or three times each, and small group; scene, interior of Escherman's cottage.                   |
| 677      | Humorous song à la Sam Mayo (words only).                                                                                                                                                               |
| 678      | Words and conductor (piano) part of song entitled "The Musical Miss," in which singer is supposed to be a lady violinist anxious to have some member of the band play duets with her.                   |
| 679      | One act drama, 4 characters, 2 males, 2 females, but cast can be reduced to 3; scope for good acting; topical; scene, room in private house.                                                            |
| 680      | Song (words and music), "Why did she not propose?"                                                                                                                                                      |
| 681      | Sketch for 3 persons, 1 male, 2 females (husband, wife, and a friend); scene, room in husband's house.                                                                                                  |
| 682      | Coon song (words only), "Come and dance."                                                                                                                                                               |
| 683      | Nigger girl's song (words only), "No, no."                                                                                                                                                              |
| 684      | Song (words only), "Love's sweet message."                                                                                                                                                              |
| 685      | Song (words only), "The silent voice."                                                                                                                                                                  |
| 686      | Song (words only), "The messenger."                                                                                                                                                                     |
| 687      | Synopsis of strong dramatic play in two acts, with short curtain drop; 4 characters, 2 males (ranchers) and 2 females; scene, log shanty (interior), W. California; 20-30 minutes.                      |
| 688      | Monologue, "My niece from London."                                                                                                                                                                      |
| 689      | Monologue, "Six months."                                                                                                                                                                                |
| 690      | Song (words only), "Particularly me."                                                                                                                                                                   |
| 691      | Song (words only), "What you never ought to mention."                                                                                                                                                   |
| 692      | Song (words only), "Plain Mr. —."                                                                                                                                                                       |
| 693      | Son (words only), "Isaac and Ida."                                                                                                                                                                      |
| 694      | Domestic comedy; characters, City clerk and his wife; scene, kitchen.                                                                                                                                   |
| 695      | Comedy duologue; characters, a ballet girl and a foreman of motor-car works; scene, drawing-room in flat.                                                                                               |
| 696      | Short verse sketch for 3 characters, 2 males, 1 female; scene, park.                                                                                                                                    |
| 697      | Patriotic song (words and music), "Step into line, boys"; 4 verses.                                                                                                                                     |
| 698      | Song, "They say we are going to laugh again in old England, boys."                                                                                                                                      |
| 699      | Dog song, "Pal of a king."                                                                                                                                                                              |
| 700      | Song, "Here's to the lads who sail in ships."                                                                                                                                                           |
| 701      | Tragedy in one act, 3 males, 2 females, soldiers and slaves; scene, a courtyard adjoining palace of King of Southern Egypt.                                                                             |
| 702      | Dramatic sketch; characters, husband and wife; scene, smoking-room of private house.                                                                                                                    |
| 703      | Costume sketch for 4 people, 2 males, 2 females; scene, bowling green.                                                                                                                                  |

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| 283      | Good Hebrew song, with or without patter, swinging chorus.                                                   |
| 284      | "Yodel" song à la Jake Friedman's "Strawberries and cream," to sing to lady partner.                         |
| 285      | Monologue for lady, with or without music, pathetic or comedy; or song à la Connie Ediss for West-End halls. |

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AMUSEMENTS IN BELFAST.

GRAND OPERA HOUSE.—M. D. Mr. Fred W. Warden; A. M. Mr. James M. McCann. — Mr. Louis Meyer presented here on Monday the farical comedy "The Glad Eye." The first-class company includes: Mr. W. E. Richardson, inimitable as Galipaux, and Mr. Fred Eastman, exceedingly humorous as Chausette. Mr. Sam Wilkinson was in every sense admirable as Gaston Bocard; and the Polignac of Mr. Percy Marchmont reflects much credit on this able actor. Miss Lulu Valli was a fascinating Lucienne Bocard; and Miss Enid Sans proved herself a capable actress as Suzanne Polignac. A highly diverting impersonation of Kiki was furnished by Miss Billie Sinclair; and the other roles were efficiently sustained by Miss Rita Rothwell and Messrs. Reginald Relais, T. Richardson, Lambert Plummer, and E. Ockley. A most attractive curtain-raiser was provided by Miss Lulu Valli, who appeared in a musical scene "In a Garden," which afforded much scope to this talented actress to exhibit her musical and dancing ability. Next week: "The Quaker Girl."

THEATRE ROYAL.—P. Warden, Ltd.; M. D. Mr. Fred W. Warden.—The attraction here this week is the musical comedy play "Somebody's Sweetheart," produced by Mr. Jack McKenzie's company. In the title-role Lulu, Miss Viola Rene, gained quite a triumph, and honours were also achieved by Mr. Jack McKenzie, very funny as Martin Blabbs; Mr. Bernard Mervyn's acting as Stephen Leverton; and Mr. Edward Rawlinson as Stanton Ashleigh. Other roles were acceptably filled by Messrs. Ida Reed, Hilda Knight, Dora Selby, Doris Williams, Maize Leon, and Messrs. Charles Stacey and Fred Owen. Next week: "When London Sleeps."

ROYAL HIPPODROME.—M. D. Mr. Fred Warden; R. M. Mr. Henry T. Downs.—The chief attraction here is provided by the Ten Loonies in their crazy comedy band; L'Incognita, the phenomenal soprano vocalist, returns, and her songs have afforded much pleasure; a novel dancing act is supplied by the Six Steppers; and included in this first-class programme are Mooney and Hobbin, vaudevillians; George Bass, comedian; Les Adams, gymnasts; Billy Harnden, musical entertainer; Dan Fraser, in Scottish song scene; Amy Clevere, comedienne; and the Hippocope.

EMPIRE THEATRE OF VARIETIES, LTD.—G. M. Mr. Frank Allen; A. M. Mr. A. C. Laidler.—The top of the bill here is filled by the Harlequinades, whose entertainment has afforded the utmost enjoyment. The Sisters Royce and Sid, vocalists and dancers; Kail Stern (assisted by Miss Marie Yessen) in "She's a White Lady"; Gladys Warren, burlesque actress; Olive Plant, in character songs; Marble Max, in Wild-West scenes; and the Bioscope complete.

NEW ALHAMBRA THEATRE.—G. M. Mr. Will White.—The vaudeville element here is sustained by Barnes and Bewley, the comedy duo; and Frank Whiteley, comedian; pictures complete.

ST. GEORGE'S HALL.—G. M. Mr. Herbert Rogers.—This week: Wills and Warlock, in vocal comedy and dancing act; pictures complete.

NEW PRINCESS THEATRE.—G. M. Mr. Terri Pounds.—This week: Gordon Brown, the popular boy tenor; pictures complete.

AMUSEMENTS IN SHEFFIELD.

LYCEUM THEATRE.—M. D. Mr. John Hart; G. M. & T. Mr. J. E. B. Beaumont.—The return of Mr. George Dance's company in "The Whip" came at an apropos time, the week following Sheffield's great racing carnival. Miss Hilda Plowright made a dainty heroine as Myrtle Anson, and the three "stylish" ladies—Lady Diana Sartorys, the "Hon. Mrs. Beamish, and Mrs. d'Aquila—were cleverly represented by Miss Maisie Richardson, Miss Enid Forde, and Miss Madeline Rees respectively. Such familiar types as Tom Lambert, Capt. Sartorys, the Earl of Brancaster, Joe Kelly, Harry Anson, Capt. Rainer, Tom Foster, and the Rev. Verner Haslem were well played by Messrs. Chas. V. Sandford, Gerald Jordan, Laurence Tessier, A. Wingrave, D. Campbell, Percy Rowland, Harwood Cooper, and Trevor Sylvain; and other characters were excellently represented by Misses Ethel May, Madeline Wykes, Joan Heather, Sylvia Barry, Ethel Wyllie, Barlow, Messrs. Arthur Bawtree, H. C. Riddell, R. Stanford, James Lomas, R. H. Nash, F. Elkinton, and Harry Neville. Next week: "Kismet."

THEATRE ROYAL.—M. D. Mr. John Hart; G. M. Mr. J. E. B. Beaumont; Asst. M. Mr. M. Mahony.—Miss Mary Austin and Mr. E. Vivian Edmonds are special favourites with the Royal habitues, and they are appearing successfully this week in "The Maid of the Mill." Miss Austin and Mr. Edmonds are loyally supported by Messrs. Ernest C. Edwards, J. A. Byrne, Fred Greene, J. Hinnigan, William Manning, Fred Hartington, R. Raynor, Misses Eleanor Manning, Ethel Vinroy, Miss Bella Power and Messrs. W. C. Bland and George Power (three old favourites) are also in the cast. Next week: "From Convent to Throne."

ALEXANDRA THEATRE.—M. D. Mr. W. D. Forsdike; A. M. & T. Mr. C. W. Ramsay.—The sensational drama, entitled "Kit Carson," is here this week. Miss Georgeette Thierry is admirable in the exacting part of Nora Patterson, and other characters are smartly played by Mr. Vernon Fortescue as the blind detective, Kit Carson; Mr. Harry Emerson as Prof. Jowler; Mr. Charles H. Longden as Ned Patterson; Mr. Arthur L. Read as Mervyn Fitzroy; Mr. Victor Knight as Peter; Mr. Bernard Lelli as Pasquale; Mr. W. Leighton as Starker; Miss Kitty Johnstone as Dolly; Miss Marie Longden as young Jack; and Miss Jeannie Weston as Annie Poole. Mr. Harry Emerson is an efficient stage manager. Next week: "The Cowboy's Revenge."

EMPIRE PALACE.—M. D. Mr. Frank Allen; A. M. Mr. L. M. Stewart.—The advent of that diverting humorist, Mr. Harry Tate, in "Fishing" is adding considerably to the gaiety of the town. The programme this week also includes such well-known performers as Miss Gwennie Hasto, a chic vocalist and dancer; Wyatt, juggler; Frank and Free, comedy duo; Mr. Walter Emerson, comedian; Aldon and Loupe, in a daring barrel-jumping act; and Miss Christine Roy, in selections from her vocal repertory. A special feature is the American "thriller," "Sixty Miles an Hour."

HIPPODROME.—P. The Sheffield Hippodrome Co., Ltd.; R. M. Mr. Frank Poole.—Mr. Oswald Williams, the famous illusionist, is starring this week in a series of marvellous magical displays. A special sensational attraction is the exciting episode, "A Mile a Minute; or, Express V. Motor-car"; Deodina, poseuse; Mr. Charles Rowan, comedian; Mr. Arthur Cartwright, vocalist; Bi-Bo-Bi and his musical bells; and Miss Mary Elizabeth, comedienne, are also billed. Mus. D. Mr. J. O. Hahn. Matinee on Thursday at 2.

CENTRAL HALL.—M. Mr. F. W. Holmes.—Miss Edith Howard, a charming petite entertainer, and a series of up-to-date coloured pictures are pleasing large houses.

Miss Adele Levey made a great success at the Oxford recently, and was the recipient of five lovely bouquets, one coming from Miss Maie Hoey, and one from Mrs. Olga Petrova. Her striking "Lettie" gown was much admired.

The New Palace steamers ended their trips to Margate, Ramsgate, Deal, and Dover on Monday. Record sailings have been enjoyed by the palatial boats, which are very popular in the profession.



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**ARISTOCRATS, THE (S.).**—Pier Pavilion, Weymouth (for the season).  
**BLUE MYTHS.**—Next week, Southsea.  
**BROWNIES, THE.**—This week, Brighton; next, Bournemouth.  
**CARTONIANS, THE—A. R.** Withersea (for the season).  
**CIGARETTES, THE.**—This week, South Parade Pier, Southsea; next, Birmingham.  
**CINGALES, THE.**—The Pigeons, Richmond (for the season).  
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**CLEMENTS' ROYAL ENTERTAINERS.**—Pav., Sutton-on-Sea (for the season).  
**CORINTHIANS, THE.**—This week, Lowestoft; next, Rushmore.

**COURTIERS, THE.**—This week, Pier, Mumbles; next, Gaiety Hall, Ilfracombe.  
**CURIOS, THE.**—This week, Penarth.  
**ELLISON'S ENTERTAINERS.**—Cleethorpes (for the season).  
**EUTERPEANS, THE.**—This week, the Pavilion, Rushmore; next, Pier Head Pav., Southport.  
**EXCELSIORS, THE.**—This week, Aquarium, Scarborough; next, Frizinghall Pav., Bradford.  
**GAITRIES, THE.**—This week, Grand T., Hanley; next, Empire, Chatham.  
**GAY CAPTAINS, THE.**—Beach Pavilion, Bournemouth (for the season).  
**GAY LIEUTENANTS, THE.**—This week, Pavilion, Frizinghall, Bradford; next, His Majesty's Th., Barrow.

**GAY SPARKS, THE.**—This week, Triangle Hall, Brixton; next, Kersall, Littlehampton.  
**GEORGIANS, THE.**—This week, Carlton Pav., St. Anne's-on-Sea; next, Castle Gardens, Dunoon, N.B.  
**GIPSIES AND THEIR JESTER.**—This week, Leas Pavilion, Folkestone; Spa, Fehstport.  
**GROTESQUES, THE.**—This week, King's, Southsea; next, Royal, Canterbury.  
**HOBBIES, THE.**—Weston-super-Mare (for the season).  
**HUMORESQUES, THE.**—This week, Pier Pavilion, Penarth; next, Pier Pav., New Brighton.

**IDEALS, THE.**—Grand Pier, Pavilion, Shanklin, I.O.W. (for the season).  
**IMPROMPTUS, THE.**—This week, Plymouth; next, Weston-super-Mare.  
**MARCH HARES, THE.**—This week, Olympian Gardens, Norwich; next, Olympian Gardens, Rock Ferry.  
**MEDLEYS, THE.**—This week, Olympian Gardens, Bognor; next, Central Pav., Hastings.  
**MERRY MASQUERS, THE.**—Gordon Promenade, Gravesend (for the season).  
**MEXICANS, THE.**—This week and next, Bridlington Pavilion.  
**NOBODIES, THE.**—This week, His Majesty's, Barrow-in-Furness; next, Rushmore Pav., Manchester.

**OLYMPIAN ENTERTAINERS.**—This week, Shorefield Gardens, Westcliff; next, Pier, Eastbourne.  
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**SABOTS, THE.**—This week, Grand Pier, Weston-super-Mare; next, Palace Pier, Brighton.

**SOABLET MR. E. AND THEIR JESTER.**—This week and next, Southampton.  
**SOABLET PIERROTS (Geo. Christian's).**—Pavilion, New Brighton (for the season).  
**SILHOUTTES, THE.**—This week, Pier Pavilion, Exmouth; next, Town Hall, Tavistock.  
**SPARKLETS, THE.**—This week, Kersall, Littlehampton; next, Alexandra Palace, London.  
**STUDENTS, THE.**—This week, Pier, Eastbourne; next, Shorefield Gardens, Westcliff.  
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## CONCERT AND PIERROT NOTES.

There are still remarkably large audiences at the Margate Municipal entertainments. Last Friday and Saturday, at the Winter Gardens, Mr. Bransby Williams, the celebrated character actor, met with a great reception, and to-morrow (Thursday) Mr. Edmund Maney, the musical conductor of the Municipal Orchestra, will be given a complimentary benefit.

The Margate Jetty concert party's engagement has been prolonged until the 27th inst. in consequence of their enormous success.

At Bohemia, Broadstairs, Miss Melanie Castel's benefit last Friday attracted a large audience—far above the average for the time of year. All the members of the party were enthusiastically received, and the beneficiaries had to give a large selection from her repertoire of child impersonations before she retired from the stage with her many floral and practical presents. Three extra turns on the programme occupied most of the second part of the programme. Miss Daisy Hurdle, fresh from her North engagement, and Mr. Harry Hudson, who taxed over from Stanley Kirby's Margate concert party, were doubly encored. Little Miss Judy Schofield in a choice dance, "La vie d'une rose," showed great taste in her treatment of the subject, for apart from her graceful dancing the sentiment she expressed was very real and sympathetic.

One of the greatest successes of Messrs. Hampson and Leslie's company, the Peek-a-boos, at Bognor this season has been Mr. Mark Daly, comedian, reciter, and general laughter-maker. Witty, clever, with a large repertoire and infinite capacity for work, Mr. Daly has been the life and soul of the party, and on Wednesday last was given a well-deserved benefit. Needless to say he had a gratifying reception, and he was supported very cordially by the other members of the company in an especially interesting and enjoyable programme.

The Olympian Gardens, Rock Ferry, under the leadership of Mr. Charles Boulton, experienced the usual excellent business last week with the Periodicals, a talented company of artists. Miss Hilda Thurlow, a vivacious comedienne, is equally charming in song and dance; Miss Dorothy Brode's rendering of sentimental songs proves very acceptable; Miss Kitty Darnell, a dainty soubrette, scores a great success with "I want a man like you"; Mr. Forrest Smythe, in his baritone songs, evokes well-merited applause; Mr. Gordon Hope, a capable light comedian, in heard to advantage in humorous duets with Mr. Jimmie Watson, who is responsible for a large proportion of the evening's fun.

The visit of Mr. Neil Kenyon to the Pavilion, Torquay, was fully appreciated by the excellent houses which were attracted last Saturday. As the Postman of Dunrobin, and also as the Golf Caddie, Mr. Kenyon delighted the audience, and provoked continuous amusement. Mr. T. C. Sternale-Bennett, in his humorous songs at the piano, and Miss Christine Bywater (soprano) were the artists throughout the week, and both achieved a good measure of success. In the absence of Mr. Basil Hindenberg, the sub-conductor, Mr. Harold Bonarria, held the baton, and the efforts of the Municipal Orchestra were highly appreciated. Mr. Austin M. Wilshire is to be congratulated on having secured a visit from Mr. Bransby Williams for a couple of performances next Saturday.

The Cantabs, under the direction of Mr. Tom Drew, have just concluded a successful week at the Derby Pavilion and Gardens. Their programme is of a bright and entertaining character, and has resulted in attracting large and appreciative audiences. This week: Return visit of Sidney James's Strollers.

For a second time this season The Mexicans, under the direction of Mr. Frank Dunlop, have appeared at Mr. Harry Leslie's popular Rushmore Pavilion. Last week the combination—an excellent one—came in for a great reception. As before, Mr. Frank Dunlop was highly amusing in original songs and patter, and with Mr. Ernie Percival was responsible for some very comic duets. A big hit was made by Miss Kitty Arthur and Mr. Ernie Percival in a duet, "When we are married," introducing all the most popular rag-time tunes. Mr. Edward Floyd sang several well-known numbers in good style, and Mr. Frank Oakes scored in capital songs, especially "My white-stockinged mare" and "Jack Briton." Miss Kathleen Leslie sang very effectively, and Miss Joyce Flann, who in addition to sharing the honours of accompanist with Mr. Edward Floyd, gave several pleasing songs at the piano. The

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dancing of Mile. Mina Dorina was greatly appreciated. Some capital concerted pieces were successfully done. This week Mr. Wilson James's vaudeville company, The Euterpeans, under the direction of Mr. Bert Meredith, are paying their first visit. Next week Mr. Harry Leslie's Nobodies. A complimentary benefit on the 24th inst. is announced to Mr. Jimmie Pullin, the favourite Nobodies' comedian.

The successful concert party, The Comets, continue to attract big audiences to their pitch at White Rock, Hastings, and the manager, Mr. Fisher Jones, deserves the highest praise for the tactful consideration whereby he has overcome the obstacles in the way of all new combinations and the existence this year of an unusual number of attractions.

The benefit concert of Mr. Leo Darnion and Mr. Harry Kemp, of the Wallis Arthur Entertainers, which took place last Wednesday at the Central Pavilion, Hastings, was eminently pleasant to those present, and, to judge from their numbers, ought to prove so to the beneficiaries, than whom none are more deserving of success.

There was a full house at the usual popular concert on Saturday evening at Burton Gardens, when the fine band of the Honourable Artillery company, Mr. H. W. Lock, conductor, provided some popular selections. Sergt. W. J. Price, L.R.A.M., gave a fine rendering of Tosti's "Good-bye," cornet solo, with accompaniments. Miss Laura Evans-Williams, soprano, was the vocalist, and received a warm welcome in "Elisabeth's Greeting" and "The little damozel." Extra pieces were "A spring song" and "Daddy's sweetheart."

Mr. Reg. Bolton and his clever company of artists, The Fashion Plates, concluded a successful two weeks' engagement at the Grand Pavilion, Royal Prince's-parade, Bridlington, on Saturday evening, when they gave their farewell performance before a large audience. The concerted items were all heartily received, and Mr.

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Bolton, who, we are glad to say, is recovering from his motor accident (though he has had to appear each evening with his arm in a sling), was most heartily applauded for his various humorous items. This week Mr. Sydney James's company, The Mexicans, are the attraction.

A crowded audience assembled in the Opera House of the New Spa, Bridlington, on Saturday night, when Mr. Harry Leslie's company, The Gay Lieutenants, were accorded a well-earned benefit after a successful eight weeks' engagement. Mr. Arthur Holland, Mr. Leslie's manager, had prepared a special programme for the occasion, and every item was enthusiastically encored. Miss Ray Morgan's rich contralto voice was finely displayed; Miss Nellie Le Breton was charming in her songs and dances; and Miss Emilie Shepherd's soprano voice showed to advantage in each of her well-chosen songs. Mr. Jimmie Craig kept the audience in constant merriment with his comicallities; Mr. Ernie Le Butt gave of his best both in song and his excellent violin and 'cello items; and Mr. Arthur Holland scored greatly in his light comedy songs. A word of praise is due to Mr. Fred Shepherd for his excellent accompaniments. During the evening Mr. Lutton (the Spa manager), on behalf of the directors of the Spa and himself, presented Mr. Holland with a handsome gift as a token of their appreciation, and wished him luck in his venture with a new company he is forming on "his own." The Harmonics, Mr. Harry Leslie also presented each member of the company with a handsome souvenir, as a mark of his appreciation for the way in which they had worked for the success of The Gay Lieutenants during their first season on the Spa, and he also presented Mr. Lutton with a handsome token of his appreciation for the courtesy and kindness he had shown to the company during their engagement. This week Harold Montague and his Vagabond Players will form the attraction.

## AMUSEMENTS IN NEWCASTLE.

**THEATRE ROYAL.**—L. Messrs. The Robert Arthur's Theatres Co., Ltd.; M. D., Mr. F. W. Wyndham; G. M., Mr. G. T. Minshall; R. M., Mr. F. Teale Lingham.—Mr. George Edwards's company in "The Dancing Mistress" is paying a return visit. The cast is somewhat different from what it was upon the last visit in the spring of this year, but is quite adequate, and the piece has been entirely re-dressed for the present tour. Miss Daisy Elliston in the name-part acts with a vigour and vivacity that render the character extremely interesting; whilst an inimitable Virginia Touchet is found in Miss Rita Pressano. Miss Minnie Love brightly impersonates Jennie McTavish; Miss Margot Tomlins plays Bella Peach most appropriately; and Miss Ada Farmer displays much ability as Miss Pindrop. Others worthy of mention are Miss Mabel Munroe as Lady Malgrove and Miss Marjorie Hume as Lili. Mr. W. Louie Bradfield is entrusted with the rôle of Teddy Cavanaugh, which he fills with consummate grace; Mr. Edward D'Arcy is funny as Widdicombe; and the same remark may be applied to Mr. Harold E. Pearce as Lord Lyndale.—The Baron Montalba of Mr. Guy le Penore is excellent; and Berchill finds an apt exponent in Mr. David Miller. Next week: Mr. Martin Harvey and company.

**TYNE THEATRE AND OPERA HOUSE.**—L. Messrs. Howard and Wyndham; R. M., Mr. Fred. C. Sutcliffe.—Messrs. Bransgrove and Slaughter are presenting the comedy "Door Mat." Mr. Harry West is an irrepressible Noel Gale, and Mr. Percy Marshall an effective Sir Rufus Gale. Mr. Henry Walsion is responsible for a masterly impersonation of Capt. Maurice Hardy; Miss Gladys Ford-Hovitt is a vivacious Lella; and Miss Mary Ford-Hovitt is a vivacious Lella; and Miss Mary Ford-Hovitt is a vivacious Lella. The comedy is preceded by the Entertainers in selections from the Quaints' repertoire. Next week: "The Chocolate Soldier."

**PALACE THEATRE.**—M. D., Mr. T. W. Rowe; B. M., Mr. Edwin E. Clark—Mr. and Mrs. F. G. Kimberley's company, "Australian Nell," is drawing crowded houses here twice nightly. Mr. Carthage Caldeough scores a great success by his clever rendition of the rôle of Spanish Jody; as Silent Artie Mr. John C. Carlyle could not well be improved upon; Miss Edith Giddings in the title-part creates a marked impression by her dramatic acting. The remaining parts are all capably filled. Next week: "The Kelly Gang."

**EMPIRE.**—P. Messrs. Moss' Empires, Ltd.; M. D., Mr. Frank Allen; R. D., Mr. Richard Thornton; R. M., Mr. J. W. Kilgour; Asst. R. M., Mr. A. Devereux.—Gertie Gittana is paying a welcome return visit in new and old favourites; Tom Clare proves himself to be a clever entertainer; Devon and Earle, dancers; Bruce Green, comedian; Austin Rudd, comedian; Fergusson and Mack; W. Fullbrook and company in comedy act; Fielding and Hall in an entertaining sketch; the Mackweys, comedy wire performers; and the Bioscope complete the programme.

**HIPPODROME.**—M. D., Messrs. Alfred Butt and Walter de Frece; M. R., Mr. T. Gerald Morton.—Barclay Gammon, the ever-popular entertainer, tops the bill this week; Leick and Keith contribute a capital cornet duo; the Bradshaw Bros. are an inimitable pair of comedians; the Belleclair Bros., in an amazing performance; the Four Inobrupes, in acrobatic dances; Dean Tribune and Mile. Cerro, in clever comedy mélange; F. V. St. Clair, comedian; Mabel Osbourne, vocalist; and the pictures conclude.

**GRAND.**—L. Mr. George Black; A. M., Mr. W. E. Pierce.—"In the hands of conspirators" is the title of the chief film featured here, and is a most absorbing detective drama; the Four Ormonds are responsible for the principal variety interlude, and contribute a capital novelty dancing act; the Two Canadians are expert instrumentalists; Zakaree Ermakov successfully presents the national military exercises and sports of Russia and Bulgaria.

**QUEEN'S HALL.**—P. The Queen's Hall Co. (Newcastle); G. M., Mr. W. B. Steven.—This commodious resort of entertainment, although only having been opened to the public last week, has already become the most popular house of its kind in the district. The various and well-rendered selections by Mr. H. G. Amers's Bijou Orchestra deserve special praise. Chief amongst the films is one showing Happy Family Fields in her famous dances. Next week: Forbes Robertson and company in "Hamlet."

**HEATON ELECTRIC PALACE.**—P. Messrs. The Heaton Assembly Hall Co., Ltd.; M. R., Mr. P. J. Lehmann.—Lillian Coburn proves herself to be a cultured soprano; Arthur Canworth, banjoist; and the pictures conclude.

Mr. Bertram Seabrook, who has held many positions as Press agent to large acts and shows, amongst which are all the late Frank Bostock acts and the Palladium Minstrels, has a Press agency of his own, to which he gives his personal attention.

At the Devonshire Park, Eastbourne, on Friday last, a very great deal of interest was aroused in the production in English, by the Carl Rosa Opera Company, of Wolf Ferrari's successful opera, "The Jewels of the Madonna." A crowded house listened with untiring interest to the beautiful and elaborate music, and the intermezzo had to be repeated. Miss Ina Hill has a voice of exceptional range and quality, and her sweet voice and excellent acting made her work as Mariella a distinctive and notable success. Miss Phyllis Archibald, too, sang extremely well, and played with great cleverness and sympathy as Carmela. Mr. Gordon Thomas was in fine voice as Gennaro, and contributed a strong, artistic and earnest performance; while Mr. Hebdon Foster as Rafael sang with a breadth of tone and careful enunciation which were deserving of very high praise.

## AMUSEMENTS IN BRISTOL.

**PRINCE'S THEATRE.**—M. D., Mrs. Chute and Mr. John Hart; R. M., and T., Mr. J. Ellis Miller; G. M., Mr. G. R. Chapman.—"Oh! Oh! Delphine (11)" is being capably played here by Mr. Robert Courtfield's company. Miss Margaret Macdonald is exceptionally pleasing in every respect as Delphine; Miss Thelma Raye does excellently as Simone; Miss Jane Eyre is clever as Bimbo; Mr. Harry Roxbury has a capital part as Alphonse Bouchette, to which he does full justice; Mr. Fred J. Little is well placed as Colonel Pomponnet; and Mr. Robert Macdonald scores as Victor Jolibeau. All the remaining parts are cleverly taken, and Miss Gwendine Kinross and Mr. Harold Clement present a pas de deux in neat style. The chorus is strong and useful, and the augmented orchestra does well under the direction of Mr. Edwin Thornton. Next week: Sir George Alexander, supported by his London company.

**THEATRE ROYAL.**—M. D., Mr. Fred W. Carpenter; Mus. D., Mr. Edwin Jacobs.—"The Blackguard of the Queen's Regiment," admirably played by Mr. E. Hill-Mitchelson's company, is an interesting drama, and is well staged. Miss Violet Carlyle is effective as the Queen; Miss Billa Sennett and Miss Florence Dalton are excellent in their respective parts of Verna and Countess Torvel; Miss Elsie Clarke is good as Maria; Mr. Stanley W. Healey acts effectively as Captain Keloff; Mr. Ernest W. Parr is well placed as Prince Karnac; and Mr. Eddie Vane scores as Lieutenant Agra. Next week: "In a Man's Grip."

**HIPPODROME.**—M. D., Mr. Oswald Stoll; R. M., Mr. N. Preston-Hilary; Asst. M., Mr. Edward Fryer; Mus. D., Mr. Howard W. Galpin.—(Twice nightly.) An elaborate production is presented here by Mr. Gus Hornbrook's company, entitled "Cheyenne Days," being a Wild West revue. The company includes: Miss Adele Von Ohl, a clever horsewoman, on her high-school broncho, "Deimar"; and Jim Parker, a famous Wyoming roughrider, and many other expert horsemen, lassoers, cowboys, cowgirls, and riders from the plains. Other excellent turns are provided by the Haakon Brothers and company, in their pantomimical farce, "The Haunted Hotel"; Miss Helen Charles, entertainer at the piano, etc.; Juggling Nelson, necromancer; Hal Russ, comedian; Fyne and Hurley, comedians; Jessie Templeton, a pleasing vocalist; Reichen's cleverly-trained dogs; and Harry Emeric and Nan Leslie, in their amusing sketch, "Sold Out." Bioscope pictures close.

**EMPIRE.**—M. D., Mr. Sid Macaire; Mus. D., Mr. Louis Gourevitch.—(Twice nightly.) Here we have Will Evans' company, including Arthur Conquest, in the comedy sketch "Harnessed a Horse"; Clark Sisters and Sterling, "Three maids and a piano," present a pleasing act; Marie Goodwin amuses with comedy songs and stories; Cole Chiff, comedian, is appreciated; Spessell Brothers and Mack are smart pantomimists; the Four Malesians please with their musical act; Clown Argo does well as an animal mimic; and Harry Taft, comedian, has a good reception. Interesting pictures conclude.

**BEDMINSTER HIPPODROME.**—M. D., Mr. Joe Collins; R. M., Mr. E. L. Morsey; Mus. D., Mr. Maitland de Lacy.—(Twice nightly.) "A Night with Arsene Lupin" is excellently staged and cleverly played by Mr. Henri De Vries' company, including Mr. Derek Power and Miss Nora Marion; Donaldson Brothers and company amuse with their grotesque zoological sketch, "Sports in a Jungle"; Harry Raymond and Ivy please with comic songs and dances; May Payne, the bonny bright boy, presents a pleasing turn; Leigh Brothers amuse with their act, "Fun in a Billiard Room"; Barrington does a good eccentric turn at the piano; Freda Danile is a smart male impersonator; and pictures conclude.

**LIVERMORE'S PALACE.**—M. R. Horace Livermore; Mus. D., Mr. Frederic Fey.—(Continous performance.) The first part of a series of Edison picture plays, entitled "What Happened to Mary," commenced here on Monday evening, and a powerful dramatic subject, entitled "An Arabian Fatale," is announced for Thursday. The solo vocalists for the week are Miss Winifred Field, soprano; and Miss Edith Francombe, contralto.

The Merry Folk on Hastings Pier concluded an eminently successful season last Saturday night, when a large and appreciative audience were present to give them a hearty send-off.

Excellent vaudeville entertainments were provided last week at the Victoria Pavilion, Ilfracombe, the artists being Mr. Selwyn Driver, whose musical sketches, stories, and songs at the piano are always so brilliantly rendered as to obtain for him immense popularity; Willie, the Humanette, whose marionette imitations of musical stars are marvellously clever; Miss Susette Tarri and Mr. Tom Copeland, in humorous duets, and also in separate turns, each of which is a gem of its kind, and Miss Evelyn Harding, who contributed in good style a wide selection of charming soprano ballads.

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hull; A. M., Mr. H. W. Ramsay; M. D., Mr. H. E. Loeby. "Sweet Lavender" is being pre-  
sented here this week by the Moffat family, who have close associations with Dundee and district, and they received a cordial welcome from a large audience on Monday evening. As Dick Phenyl, Mr. Watson Hume (Moffat) furnished a capital character sketch; Miss May Moffat made a charming Lavender; Miss Kate Moffat deserves the highest encomiums for her happily-con-  
ceived impersonation of Minnie Gillfillan, whose lover, Horace Bream, was enacted with fine dis-  
cretion by Mr. Sanderson Moffat; Mr. Dickson Moffat scored with a likeable picture of the genial Irish doctor, Delaney; Mr. W. F. Stirling as Geoffrey Wedderburn acted in an easy and natural fashion; as Ruth Holt, Miss Violet Moffat infused just the right note of poignancy and pathos; Mr. Arthur Page gave a neat sketch of Clement Hale; Mr. Frank Dallas was dis-  
tinctly good as Bulger; Mr. W. Ogilvie did well as the solicitor; and Miss Lillias Moffat gave a good account of herself as Mrs. Gillfillan. "Sweet Lavender" was preceded by a dramatic version of the late Norman Macleod's famous story, "The Starling," in which Mr. Dickson Moffat took the great part of the old soldier, Adam Mercer, others who distinguished them-



(Photo: Hilton Fox, Sunderland)

### MUSIC HALL MAGNATE AND HIS STAFF.

Mr. Richard Thornton, the well-known music hall proprietor, entertained his managers at Eden Villa, Gosforth, on Sunday, Sept. 7. Our photo, taken on the lawn, includes: Back row (left to right): Messrs. Phil Babey (Avenue Theatre, Sunderland), Jas. H. Tindle (Sunderland), Percy

selves being Mr. W. F. Stirling and Miss Dorothy Macmillan. Next week: "The Passing of the Third Floor Back."

**GALEITY THEATRE.**—L. Galety Theatre (Dundee), Ltd.; Licensee and M. D., Mr. Henry C. Cavanah, C.A.; Mus. D., Mr. J. Murphy. Mrs. F. Wybert Clive's No. 1 company is appearing here this week in "The Conscript." The piece is capably mounted and acted. As Karl Truevitch, Mr. John Levey has a part that suits him admirably; Miss Freda Beckett as Nadia gives a sincere and painstaking study of a rôle that requires skilful handling; as Paul Hardisty, Mr. Wybert Clive is forceful and realistic; Ivan Man-  
loff is acted with due discrimination by Mr. Bernard Lovett; "Dangerous" and "The Ferret" are appropriately characterised by Messrs. Henry C. Ward and Alaric Burton respectively; Mr. Fred Laund does good work as Treich Trotto; the parts of Michael Andreich and Loris Khovai are competently filled by Mr. Chris. Dashwood and Mr. M. Maude; while Vil-  
coff and Catherine are efficiently enacted by Mr. E. M. Lorne and Miss E. Melville. Miss Ethel Bristol faithfully portrays the character of Dame Katinka, and Miss Addie Burrows does well as Standa. The Gaumont Gazette of the world's events is shown by the Galetycope during the interval.

**KING'S THEATRE AND HIPPODROME.**—L. Dundee Theatres, Ltd.; Licensee and M. D., Mr. S. McIntosh; Mus. D., Mr. E. B. Rogers. Head-  
ing a very entertaining bill here is Jock McKay, the favourite Scotch humorist; Albert Weston and Nellie Lynch present with much animation their American comedy skit; Willard Huchinson, American comedian, scores in an amusing act, "A Leap Year Leap," in which he is charmingly assisted by Miss Loftus Robb; Dorothy Turner, juvenile dancer, Montes and Welma, in some ludicrous comedy business; Regan and Ryan, in a capital turn; Belle Sylvia, popular lady baritone; Will Hay, with his character creations; and the world's events depicted on the Kingscope are also in the programme. Next week: George Lashwood and the Colonial Septette.

**PALACE THEATRE.**—L. B.B. Pictures, Ltd.; M. D., Mr. J. J. Bennell; District & A. M., Mr. Tom Lunn. Billy Walters, Scotch comedian, is scoring here this week; the Grayson-McKenna Trio provide a feast of fun and frolic; and included in a strong picture programme are "A Race to Destruction" and "The Ne'er to Return Road."

**PAVILION.**—P. Messrs. R. and J. Penny-  
cook; M. D., Mr. J. Pennycook; Mus. D., Mr. James Walton. Van and Ivy Gelders submit an enter-  
taining turn; Edmund Langford, baritone, is warmly received; Norah Milson is a smart singing and dancing turn; Bob Brounly, comedian, is popular feature. A go-as-you-please competition is a popular feature, in addition to which there is the usual excellent picture display.

**TIVOLI THEATRE.**—P. & M., Messrs. Edwards and McIntosh; Mus. D., Mr. Wm. Blyth. Supple-  
menting an excellent picture programme here this week is Nellie Dean, a charming little comedi-  
enne.

**NEW HIPPODROME.**—P. & M., Mr. A. E. Bennell. Jimmy Lowrie, actor vocalist, is here; also the Sisters Thoms, vocalists and dancers; and the usual high-class picture programme. A rag-time competition is announced for next week.

**NEW ELECTRIC THEATRE.**—G. M., Mr. Arthur Howard. The principal films exhibited here this week are "King Lear" and "The Tri-  
centenary of the Romanoff Dynasty, 1613-1913."

Signor Giovanni Daruso, Court violinist to the late King George of Greece, died at Kingston, Jamaica, on Aug. 3, and was buried at the Catho-  
lic Cemetery. In company with Bobby Grieve, Scotch ventriloquist, Daruso left Southampton on May 21, opening at the Ward Theatre, Kingston, Jamaica, on June 16, for a short season. Later, with three local artistes, Daruso and Grieve toured the country, where Daruso was seized with fever, and had to be brought back to Kingston, where, despite the best medical attendance, he passed away. Daruso, who was a Hungarian, and 53 years of age, had played before many crowned heads and spoke several languages. Of late years he had made his home in Lancashire.

### AMUSEMENTS IN BRADFORD.

**THEATRE ROYAL.**—L. Mr. John Hart; M., Mr. J. Richardson. A brief season of grand opera was commenced here on Monday night by the Cavaliere F. Castellano company, with "Rigo-  
létto." There was a large and appreciative audi-  
ence, who heartily applauded Signor Ventura's vocalism in the part of the Duke of Mantua, and the effective rendering of Verdi's music by a company of clever artistes and a largely aug-  
mented orchestra under the baton of G. Wehli. Signora Barone was the Gilda, and fine support was rendered by Signor Vail as Rigoletto. The opera on Tuesday evening was "Il Trovatore"; and "Faust," "Cavalleria Rusticana," "I Pagliacci," "La Traviata," and "Carmen" are also billed for representation.

**PRINCE'S THEATRE.**—L. Mr. F. Laidler; G. M., Mr. N. Hepworth; A. M., Mr. F. Yensley. Miss Florence Baines, after a long absence, made a successful reappearance here on Monday night in the humorous musical farce, "Miss Lancashire Limited," and as Mary Ellen Thomp-  
son she managed to keep a large audience highly entertained, and supported as she is by a capital company, the comedy goes with a merry swing throughout, Miss Baines's musical items being a feature of the performance.

**EMPIRE.**—P. Moss' Empires, Ltd.; A. M., Mr. Percival Craig. "Zona Vevey, the charming com-  
edienne, accompanied by Max Erard at the piano, present their delightful pastoral scenes here again



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### MUSIC HALL MAGNATE AND HIS STAFF.

Dawson (Empress Theatre, Horden), W. Collins (Theatre Royal, Sunderland); front row: A. E. Barnes, Harry Esden (Sunderland Empire), Richard Thornton, S. T. Smurthwaite (West Hartlepool Empire), and Edwin Winter (South Shields Empire).

this week with success; and May Henderson, the dusky comedienne, volatile as ever, is making a welcome reappearance. Jay Renier, the com-  
edienne, proves a source of continuous merriment; and other turns of merit and interest are provided by Harry Friskey, a capital comedy juggler; Syd Walker, with his comedy skits; Bert Terrell, Dutch comedian; Bowden and Stoll, comedy acrobats; Ethel Hall, comedienne; the Four Boises, in a thrilling act of equilibrium; and the pictures.

**PALACE.**—L. Mr. P. Macnaghten; M., Mr. Will A. Jackson. A fine bill here includes Clif-  
ton's company of acrobats, the Six Ceylons, in their scene, "A Dream in an Opium Den"; and another prominent turn is "The Parson's Family" of Six Real Little Lancashire Sisters, very dainty clog dancers and singers. Interest, too, centres in Albert Jenkinson, the ex-International Rugby footballer and comedian; Eddie Astor, the dancing juggler; Layton and Douglas, instrumental soloists; the Sisters Linden, duettists and dancers; the Dennisons, a vocal and dancing duo; and the Three Stewartis, in a clever acrobatic production; and the pictures.

### AMUSEMENTS IN BRIGHTON.

**THEATRE ROYAL.**—P. Brighton Theatre Royal, Ltd.; M., Mr. Lawson Lambert. Mr. George Dance's company is here with "Get-Rich-  
Quick Wallingford." The cast includes: Mr. Herbert Deas (Wallingford); Mr. Nixon Hold (Horace Dab), Miss Ivy Shepherd (Fanny Jasper), Messrs. J. C. Wilton, Barry Barratt, Doane Gardiner, E. Desborough, J. J. Jordan, Edward Harrison, Frank Vyryan, Robert Rivers, Hubert Brett, Fred Withers, Cyril Berry, Fred Reynolds, Bert Eng-  
lish, Will Rogers, Jack Day, Misses Beatrice Gre-  
venor, Honor Cornell, Dorothy Cooper, Rita Tre-  
kelle, Freda Wharton.

**GRAND THEATRE.**—L. & M. D., Mr. Ernest Gates; G. M., Mr. Ben Court. The new play, "Bonnie Mary," occupies the boards here this week.

**HIPPODROME.**—M., Mr. W. H. Boardman. The following are here this week: Little Tich; Harry Leeds and Trixie Le Mar, a comedy couple; Jessie Berg, Russian violinist; Ray Wallace, mimic at the piano; D'Arc's Marionettes; Hammon and Wyatt; Charles Grantley; and Winnie Wayne.

**WEST PIER THEATRE.**—S., Mr. A. W. Scholey. "Hindle Wakes" is being performed here this week.

**PALACE PIER.**—M., Mr. Gilbert Lave; Asst. M., Mr. Bernard Fleming. In the theatre Mr. Louis Meyer's company is presenting "The Glad Eye." The artistes include: Messrs. T. G. Vane, Dudley Stuart, Frank Bradley, Ian O. Will, Leslie Kyle, J. Courtenay Pagan, David Keir, Ken Worth, Hoan Conyers, Misses Monica Marshall, Margery Caldwell, Gertrude Lang, Mona Meyer. The farcical comedy is preceded by a short pro-  
gramme sustained by Mr. R. B. Salisbury's Entertainers.

In the Winter Gardens, afternoon and evening, performances are given by The Brownies, in-  
cluding Misses Maudie Field, Dorothy Slade, Hebe Kneller, Messrs. Alec S. Clunes, Reginald Hal-  
stead, Frank H. Dale, and Charles Heslop.

Mr. Wilhelm Russell, who has been chef d'or-  
chestre at the Theatre Royal, South Shields, is leaving to take up an important position in Scot-  
land.

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### SONGS, WRITERS, AND SINGERS.

"That's how I need you" (Howard and Co.) is this week being specially featured at the Col-  
iseum by Marie and Billy "Hart in their comedy act, "The Circus Girl." It is no small tribute to the merits of this ballad that these popular favourites in the recently concluded revue, "Hullo Ragtime," should have selected it to mark their return to the variety stage.

"That's how I need you" has also been selected by Miss Nancy Vivien, principal girl, as her panto-  
plum this year for the King's Theatre, Edinburgh. Amongst others who are making a special feature of this ballad may be included Miss Elsie Fane, the popular dramatic soprano, who is also featuring "In all my dreams" (Howard and Co.); Fox and Melville, the well-known song illustra-  
tors; Miss Mona Clifford and Co.; Lillie Kendall, principal girl with Lew Lake; and the popular concert vocalists, Iren; Armitage and Iris Gwynne.

"Melinda's Wedding Day" (Howard and Co.) found warm favour at the hands of Holborn Empire audiences during the past week, the clever Sisters Clark and Sterling rendering this number in their own charming way, and extract-  
ing every possible ounce of effect from this de-  
lightful song.

"You keep your eye on me" (Howard and Co.) is a chorus song that all principal boys and others should "keep their eye on"; this number formed one of the many pleasing items in the programme of the clever and versatile Moreton-Jewel Troupe at the Palladium last week.

"Peg o' my heart" (Howard and Co.) was sung at the Palladium National Sunday League Concert on Sunday by Albert Hole, the boy baritone, on his first appearance in London after an American tour. Both song and singer were re-  
ceived with marked appreciation. As the title suggests, this is a tenderly passionate lyric, de-  
void of mawkishness; and the music to which it is wedded is as hauntingly melodious as it is musically.

"Be sure he's Irish" (Howard and Co.) will shortly be specially featured in London by the Sisters Clark and Sterling. There is a rich fund of blended sentiment and humour in this song, and a chorus simply irresistible to any audience.

Miss Victoria Cross, the popular Scotch low comedienne, has just returned from her Australian tour, and will make a special feature throughout her London and provincial engagements of "I've just met the fellow who married the girl that I was going to get" and "Your daddy did the same thing fifty years ago" (Howard and Co.).

"When I get you alone to-night" (Howard and Co.'s chorus hit) has found immediate favour with sparkling and vivacious Miss Esta Stella, and will be specially featured by her in the forthcoming panto at the Broadway Theatre, New Cross.

Pantomime producers, fairy queens, and principal girls will find in Howard and Co.'s "Isle of love" a pre-eminent suitable song for staging purposes. Professional copies of this song will be ready in a day or two, and all vocalists on the look-out for an artistic and beautiful song should lose no time in securing "Isle of love."

Gillsmith's new Hippodrome at Cheltenham is billed to open next Monday.

### MUSIC HALL PRODUCTIONS

**AUGUST.**  
"Hello, London!" farcical musical comedy  
serenades in two acts, by A. Myddleton Myles,  
music by T. W. Thurman; Bow Palace, Aug. 4.  
"The Jackdaw," Irish comedy, in one act, by  
Lady Gregory (first time in variety); Coliseum,  
Aug. 4.  
"Darling Jack," comedy, in one act, by Alfred  
Barnard; Balham Hippodrome, Aug. 4.  
"The Laird and the Lady," comedietta, by John  
Glendinning and Jessie Millward; Chelsea  
Palace, Aug. 4.  
"The Little Prince," an excerpt from Shake-  
speare's "King John"; Grand, Clapham,  
Aug. 11.  
"Uncle's in Time," domestic comedietta; Grand,  
Clapham, Aug. 11.  
"I Should Worry," an irresponsible extravaganza,  
with music composed by Arthur Davenport,  
jingles and rhymes perpetrated by Clifford  
Harris, noises composed, selected, and ar-  
ranged by James W. Tate, thrown together by  
Will Bishop; Palace Theatre, Aug. 11.  
"The Clancy Name," Irish play, in one act, by  
Lennox Robinson (first time in variety); Coli-  
seum, Aug. 11.  
"Simple-Earled Bill," sketch, produced by Hunt-  
ley Wright and Co.; Empire, Liverpool,  
Aug. 11.  
"The Ambassadors," spectacular comedy sketch  
by the Six Brothers Luck; Metropolitan,  
Aug. 18.  
"The Gentleman Who Was Sorry," episode, in  
one act, by A. Neil Lyons; Victoria Palace,  
Aug. 18.  
"A Cold Douche," lyrics by Valentine, music by  
Harold Lonsdale, introduced as an episode  
into "All the Winners"; Empire, Aug. 18.  
"Girl and the Detective," tabloid comedy drama,  
produced by Lorraine Buchanan and Billie  
Devens; Tottenham Palace, Aug. 18.  
"All's Fair," farce, by Tom Gallon; Tivoli,  
Aug. 25.  
"The Audition," musical comedy; Holborn Em-  
pire, Aug. 25.  
"The Hairdresser"; Westminster Hippodrome,  
Aug. 25.

### BENEFICENT ORDER OF TERRIERS.

Mr. Walter Comerford was initiated into the  
mysteries of the Order on Sunday last. The cer-  
emony was performed by Terrier Harry Wright,  
assisted by Terrier Will Cody, V.T. Organist Ter-  
rier, Arthur Were. The following candidates for  
membership of the Order have successfully passed  
the ballot: Schubert Sharp and Eric Norman.

Applications for membership have been received  
from Robert Olrac, Bobbie Hall (first notice),  
Martin Kamp (third notice), Joseph Adkin, Chas.  
Henry Sivarado (final notice).

At the meeting on Sunday last Terrier Albert  
Voyce acted as W.L., Terrier Sid Baker as W.D.,  
and Terrier Ernest D'Almaine as Y.B. A hearty  
welcome was extended to Terriers Sam Vincent,  
Geo. Herd, Lester Gard, Cliff Lake, and Chris  
Baker upon their reappearance in the kennel.

The new diplomas may now be obtained of the  
secretary, price 2s. each. A ladies' supper and  
concert will be held at the Boulogne Restaurant,  
Gerrard-street, W., on Sunday, October 5, 1913.  
Tickets, 2s. 6d. each. Early application should be  
made as the accommodation is limited.

Will all Terriers who are in town during the  
weeks commencing Oct. 27, Dec. 1 and 8 kindly in-  
form the secretary as soon as possible?  
Mr. Charles McGowan (a member of the late  
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**WELLINGBOROUGH.**  
PALACE.—G. M. Mr. W. F. J. Hewitt; R. M. Mr. Joseph Baron; Mrs. D. Mr. Herbert Jordan. A.L.O.M.—This week (twice nightly) Thursday, Friday and Saturday, Mr. Marcus Draper presents "The Christian." Cast includes: Messrs. Marcus Draper, Charles Fielding, Edward Watson, Albert H. Clark, Alec. Forbes, Eric Vivian, H. E. Hutterone, Frank Holyoake, George Swale, Walter Leach, Misses Oliva Bailey, Ivy May Clarke, Nellie Murray, Winifred Peters, Mary Branton, Montague Miller, and Gladys Farnell.

**WESTCLIFF-ON-SEA.**  
NEW PALACE.—P. Mr. Matt Raymond; R. M. Mr. Arthur Rand.—This week: The farcical comedy, "Jane." The cast includes: Miss Jenny Lynn as Jane, and Mr. Edwin H. Wynne as William. Preceded by Mr. Lindon Wyatt, humorist and raconteur. Matinee, Wednesday.

**WEST HARTLEPOOL.**  
GRAND THEATRE.—L. Mr. Stanley Rogers; A. M. Mr. J. W. Seaward.—This week (twice nightly): Ethel Van Praagh and J. Edward Whitty's Co. in "The Hand of Destiny," on Monday, Tuesday, and Saturday. David Garrick, on Wednesday; "The Queen of the Camellias," on Thursday and Friday. Company includes: Mr. John Manners, Mr. A. Clewlow, Mr. Guy P. Ellis, Mr. T. C. Conlon, Mr. John Corlies, Mr. H. T. Weldon, Mr. Charles Gratton, Miss Muriel Mason, Miss Flora Hastings, Miss Violet Somerville, Miss Marie Barrett, Miss Ethel Van Praagh.

**EMPIRE.**—M. D. Mr. Richd. Thornton; D. & M. Mr. S. Thornton Smurthwaite; Mrs. D. Mr. Horace Marshall.—This week: Fred Curran, comedian; Wal Langtry, comedian; and Jessie Broughton and Dennis Creedon, in musical entertainment; pictures.

**PALACE.**—L. Mr. W. G. Alderson; M. Mr. W. Capner.—This week: Marquis and Truly, eccentrics; Connie Laborde, vocalist; and Yamamoto, Japanese wire performer.

**WESTON-SUPER-MARE.**  
KNIGHTSTONE PAVILION AND OPERA HOUSE.—P. The Urban District Council; M. Mr. W. Payne.—This week (first three nights): Mr. H. Hamilton Stewart's Co. in "Open Windows." Cast includes: Messrs. H. Hamilton Stewart, Frederick Goodwins, Douglas, Lewis, H. Humberstone Wright, John Canillas, Arthur Calvert, Geo. Littlewood, Henry Audrey, Misses Bruce-Joy, Elsa Hall, G. Stanley, preceded by "The Touch of Truth." Last three nights: Miss Inez Howard's Co. in "The Monk and the Woman." Cast includes: Messrs. Charles Bader, W. H. Terris, E. Warden, G. Ashard, S. Ellis, A. Finlayson, E. Fryer, J. G. Helliwell, E. E. Kent, F. L. English, M. Raly, Geo. Walkley, A. Camm, J. Denville, H. Haywood, F. St. John, Geo. Endell, S. Forrest, Misses Ethel Savill, Gertrude Vickers, Celia Sarron, Hilda Homewood, Kathleen Gerrard.

**GRAND PIER PAVILION.**—P. Grand Pier Co., Ltd.; M. & S. Mr. John H. Stevenson; A. M. Mr. Gage.—This week: Mr. Walter Walters' concert party, The Sabots; Herr Arnold Speigler's Blue Hungarian Band; and pictures.

**PALACE OF VARIETIES.**—P. Mr. Albany Ward; M. Mr. Fred Adderley.—This week: Lento, comedian; George Grenville, comedian; Lloyd Brothers, tight-rope artists; and pictures.

**WEST STANLEY.**  
ALBERT HALL.—P. Messrs. Randall Williams; Mrs. D. Mr. Wilhelm Oscar.—This week (twice nightly): The Two Countesses, humorists; pictures. Matinee, Saturday, 2.30.

**WEYMOUTH.**  
PAVILION THEATRE.—M. Mr. W. R. Wallis.—Mr. Louis Meyer presents his own company in "The Glad Eye." Cast includes Messrs. Stanley Lathbury, Roy S. Beard, F. Clive Ross, Tom Tindall, C. W. Lindsay, Reginald Maurice, F. Gray, Ward, James Rankow, and Ernest Gray.

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NEW THEATRE ROYAL.—P. Mr. Stanley Rogers; A. M. Mr. Will Gillet; Mrs. W. M. The Jackson Family, musical entertainers; Dean and Leslie; and pictures.

**PICTURE PALACE.**—M. Mr. V. Brantford; A. M. Mr. J. T. Hurst.—This week: Pawsons, in scene, "A Concert on the Lido"; Gladys Hooley, the violin girl; and pictures.

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### AMERICA'S FAMOUS BALLAD WRITER.

Mr. Al. Piantadosi, now on a visit to this country, in the course of a brief interview with an "Era" man, gave some interesting facts concerning his career, but more particularly as to the way in which he emerged from obscurity and made his name as America's leading ballad writer. Mr. Piantadosi can boast of being descended from one of the old Italian nobility. His father was a Count, but he and his wife decided to sail over the seas to a new home, and the title was dropped in democratic America. And so it came about that the subject of this interview was born in that country twenty-nine years ago. When only seven a piano exercised a fascination which indicated plainly enough that the boy had musical tastes; and later he received lessons on the piano from one of the best of the Italian professors, Cucunillo by name, of the Scala Di Milano. He became a skilled pianist, and his services were secured for concerts, receptions, and other functions. Then he turned his attention to song-writing, and one of his essays in the new line was entitled "Mariuccia, take a steamboat," which over here was featured by Miss Vesta Victoria in 1907.

"All my songs are inspired by incidents that happen in real life," said Mr. Piantadosi, with characteristic Italian animation, and he proceeds to tell how this curiously called song came to be written. One night he met a young Italian, who told him a sad and pathetic story. The wife, who was worshipped by the Italian, became infatuated with another, and left her husband for ever. The sad sentiment is expressed in the song. The composer hawked the MS. about for two years, and even offered it to music publishers for as low a sum as 2s. He was at last prepared to give it away, but his friend, Hal Lewis, spoke to Mr. Edward Barron, a publisher, about the song. He agreed to publish it, and the result was a wonderful hit. Eight hundred thousand copies were sold, but the composer received in payment only the modest sum of £2. Indeed, he admits that for the first eight big song hits he was paid only £5 altogether. This was the reverse of encouraging, and Mr. Piantadosi gave up song-writing for the time being.

He resumed his work as a pianist, and obtained an engagement at a popular summer resort, when Mr. Leo Feist, the leading song publisher of New York, asked him to call. At the interview he was good enough to say that he saw possibilities in the young composer, and gave him a six-years' engagement, the terms being that Mr. Piantadosi should write exclusively for him and his agents, which in this country are Howard and Co., of Mortimer-street, W. He was allowed six months to "make good," and in less than three weeks he produced a tremendous hit, called "Italian Rag," of which no fewer than 750,000 copies were sold. Another song, "The curse of an aching heart," also sold well, over one million copies being disposed of in America alone. Then there was "In all my dreams I dream of thee," the words being wedded to a particularly pretty melody. Mention must also be made of the dreamy "Italian waltz," which was sung, whistled, and played throughout the United States and Canada. After this he produced hit after hit—they are far too many to refer to in detail.

But Mr. Piantadosi tells us he has scored a bigger success than ever with "That's how I need you," which is going to be the pantomime ballad of the coming season. In America this song has already reached a sale of two million copies, and it is expected to beat the record sale of over nine million copies of "After the ball," which was by Charles K. Harris, who made a large fortune out of it. "Song writers did better in those days," adds Mr. Piantadosi; "competition was not so keen then as now." Though published only a few weeks ago when the summer season was half through, "That's how I need you" has been sung by every concert party or pierrot troupe around the coast.

"How did this song come to be written? Well, it happened in this way. I and my partner, Joe Goodwin, were together one evening. We were in a rather pensive mood all over a little love affair. Oh! no, of course, not mine! A letter was shown, and a few lines in it struck home. The result was 'That's how I need you.'"

Straying from the subject of the song without which no pantomime will be considered complete next Christmas, its composer remarks: "Don't think I wish to brag of it, but I claim to be the originator of rag-time! Yes, I know there are other claimants in the field, but I can prove that I had a rag-time song published at least four years before any other song of the kind was known. It was called 'Meddlesome man,' and was published by Mr. Will Rosseter, of Chicago City. I also claim to be the creator of the Italian character songs on the vaudeville stage."

"What about my future arrangements in this country? Well, I open at the Bedford on Sept. 23, and shall sing my own songs, assisted by Hal Lewis, formerly of the Rathskeller Trio. In featuring 'That's how I need you,' we shall strive to do our very best.

"As regards my song copyrights in this country, I have placed them in the hands of Mr. Harry Day.

"My wife, professionally known as Miss Anna Chandler, is well known over here as a vocalist. She was the first American woman to introduce rag-time songs in England. She opened with them at the Liverpool Empire; she was engaged at £25 per week, but there was a sudden jump to £100, and then £150. Yes, I hope to stay here some time, but there are contracts to be completed in America which cannot be put off for long." And with a cheery "Good-bye for the present," America's greatest song writer made his way Strandwards.

The staff of the Palace Theatre, Bath, had their annual outing on Sunday, the 7th inst. The party numbered nearly fifty, and journeyed in two motor charabancs in glorious weather to the well-known Cheddar Cliffs and Gorge, also the world-renowned caves. After a halt the trip was resumed to Weston-super-Mare, where luncheon and tea were partaken of at the Imperial Hotel. The merry party spent all the available time in roaming about at their own sweet will. Home was reached about 9.45 in safety. Mr. Leslie Fairfax, the popular resident-manager of the theatre, accompanied the staff on what proved to be a great success from every point of view.

The event of the Saturday afternoon concert at the Crystal Palace will undoubtedly be that which takes place on Saturday next, when Mme. Tetrazzini will make her only appearance in London this year. On the occasion of her last visit—three years ago—Mme. Tetrazzini met with a remarkable ovation, the entire Central Transept of the Crystal Palace being filled to overflowing and many being turned away. Mme. Tetrazzini's programme includes—"The Jewel Song" from "Faust," "Ah! fors a lui" ("Traviata"), and "Veneziano's waltz," "Ah Che assorta." In addition, the Queen's Hall Orchestra will perform under the leadership of Sir Henry J. Wood.



## FILM GOSSIP.

We are this week giving three further hints to intending competitors in "The Era" Scenario Competition:—

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The attention of those interested in our Film Play competition may be directed to "The Technique of the Photoplay" (second edition), which is now ready. This book contains 176 full text pages, including a dictionary of technical terms, and several sample scripts, and costs two dollars (8s. 4d.) in cloth, and three dollars (12s. 6d.) in full leather. It can be obtained from "The Moving Picture World," 17, Madison Avenue, New York City, U.S.A., post paid.

An interesting incident of a Birmingham picture palace manager's enterprise comes to hand in the following. Early on Saturday, Sept. 6 (Tag-day), Mr. Harry Kennedy conceived the idea of having pictures of the chief interesting events of the day taken. This necessitated sending to London (Messrs. Barker's, in Soho-square) for the films, which duly arrived at Birmingham at 1.30, when operations were immediately commenced by Mr. W. M. Miller, of the Wilton Pavilion. The 2.45 train to Euston carried a special messenger and the exposed film back to London, where the picture was immediately developed and printed, being finished just in time for the special messenger to catch the express, which was due to arrive in Birmingham at 8.55 p.m. Ten minutes after his arrival there the film was being shown to an appreciative audience, six and a-half hours after the actual events were photographed. The film was shown the same evening at the Empire and the Grand.

A new picture palace, called "The Empire," was opened at Rugby last Wednesday. The proprietor is Mr. B. Morris and the manager is Mr. J. Morris, his nephew. "The Empire" is one of the prettiest and most comfortable picture-halls in the Midlands. All the seats are of the tip-up pattern. The ground floor holds 520 and the balcony 230. The lighting scheme is on the B.T.H. Co.'s "eye-rest" system. The stage effects have been carried out by Mr. A. Crocker, of the Blackpool Tower. The walls are paneled in white, framed with gold, the lower part being covered with a figured leather dado. All the known precautions against fire have been taken. Messrs. Morris themselves undertook the building. It is intended to have daily matinees, with tea, and two evening performances.

What is considered a faithful version of Oscar Wilde's story "The Picture of Dorian Gray," is about to be released by the Ideal Film Renting Co., Ltd.

Messrs. Francis Clare and Bamberger have collected and arranged a series of films dealing with a number of natural history pictures, which have been taken by various photographers in different parts of the world. Many strange pictures are included in the series, which is in five parts, and which is considered by many experts to be the best educational film of this kind yet produced.

Messrs. Pathé Frères have just completed their latest exclusive dramatic film, "Germinal," which was shown to a Press audience last Wednesday. It is an adaptation of that well-known work by Emile Zola. The story is well suited to film reproduction, and the way in which it has been handled reflects great credit upon Pathé Frères. The story is probably too well known to need repetition here. Suffice it to say that the bitter experience of Etienne, of men and things in general, are well and pathetically portrayed. The picture is crowded with exciting and dramatic incidents. The scenes in the coal-mine, the strike of the miners through a reduction in pay, and the terrible revenge taken by the disappointed and violent agitator upon "the blacklegs" are stirring and wonderful. The picture is composed of eight parts and takes roughly about two and a-half hours to show. In it Messrs. Pathé Frères' high standard of excellence in photography is well maintained.

"Sherlock Holmes" on the Film.

The Penning Film Service will shortly release the first of a new series of pictures which will deal with the many adventures of the popular detective, "Sherlock Holmes." The first will be "The Speckled Band." It has been produced under the personal supervision of Sir A. Conan Doyle at Exhillon Studios, leading West End actors and actresses have been engaged. The remaining eight of the series include "The stolen paper," "The silver blaze," "Mystery of Boscombe Vale," "The sign of four," "The Beryl coronet," "Adventure of Copper Beeches," "The Reigate squire," "The Musgrave ritual," and will be released at the rate of one a month, starting from Oct. 27.

The Selsior Film Co. have recently made arrangements for Billy Merson, Daisy James, Daisy Dorrer, and Mercy Manners to appear in a new "dancing" film. All of these artists have lately appeared at West End music halls. Another variety artist to be filmed by this firm is Miss Rosie Sloman, of the Ragtime Six, now touring the London variety theatres. She is seen dancing the cowboy "twist" with Harry Perry, another popular American rag-time artist.

Amongst the newest architects who are identifying themselves with conspicuous ability in theatre building are Messrs. Deakin and Cameron, of Devonshire Square, London, E.C. This firm has just completed plans for two fine cinema theatres. The Grand, at Paddington, is designed to accommodate 1,200 visitors, and the Palais de Luxe, at Wood Green, is provided with seating for 1,000 persons. In each case the style of architecture followed is that of the decorative composite. The works are proceeding, and the proprietors are hoping to open in November. The Grand is owned by a company, and the cost of the building will be over £7,000, and that at Wood Green, which is owned by Mr. B. N. Doss, will cost over £5,000.

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## AMUSEMENTS IN EDINBURGH.

ROYAL LYCEUM THEATRE.—M. D., Mr. F. W. Wyndham and Mr. Geo. T. Minshall; A. M., Mr. Simon Ord; Mrs. D., Mr. E. J. Rogers.—Mr. George Bawcutt's principal company are paying a return visit with "Gipsy Love" this week. Mr. Leonard Mackay's imposing figure and fine, sonorous voice enable him to give an admirable performance of the gipsy musician, Jazsi; and Miss Blanche Tomlin, who has so recently bestowed much study alike on the dramatic and vocal requisites for the part of Ilona, wins an undoubted triumph by her acting and singing. Mr. Lionel Victor, who now plays Dragotin, the part formerly sustained by Mr. Lauri de Frece, abandons himself to the humours of the character with conspicuous success, while Miss Avice Kelham acts with notable brightness, naturalness, and charm as Lady Babby. Mr. William Spray portrays Kajetan with drollery and effect, and valuable support is given by Mr. Ian Colquhoun in an excellent impersonation of Andor. Mr. Walter Adams as Jonel, Mr. Mansell Stringer as Dimitreanu, and by Miss Maggie Jarvis, Miss Grace Wixon, Miss Audrey Mason, and Miss Berenice Maxwell in the respective characters of Joan, Juiesca, Zorika, and Marischka. Picturesque special dances are introduced by Miss Florence Phillips and Mr. Dundas Walker, and the chorus and orchestra, under the leadership of Herr B. Schoenberger, strengthen the entire performance. The piece, which is artistically staged, had an enthusiastic reception from a crowded holiday audience on Monday evening, and the actors were repeatedly recalled.

EMPIRE PALACE THEATRE.—P. Moss Empires, Limited; A. M., Mr. Charles A. Bayne; Mrs. D., Mr. James Howarth.—Wilkie Bard is the bright particular star in this week's programme, and the popular comedian's songs parake of the laughter-compelling element to which he has always accustomed his audiences. He introduces his latest sketch, "Chrysanthemums," with which he made such a pronounced success in London. Gobert Belling and his troupe of trained animals present an entertainment at once clever and diverting. The burlesque of a bull fight is carried through with immense go and humour. Gus Garrick is exceedingly happy in his comedy sketches; the Musical Anarcho, in "Fun for All! All for Fun!" give a happy, pleasing turn; Jack Lorimer, Scottish comedian, provides lots of amusement in his songs and patter; Stella Stahl is a favourite as usual; the Whittakers, in their burlesque skit, "Dick Whittington," are the recipients of much applause; and John Weil, sleight-of-hand performer, submits a very deft series of feats.

KING'S THEATRE.—P. The Edinburgh Construction Co., Ltd.; G. M., Mr. P. L. Howat; Mrs. D., Mr. A. Douglas Wilcox.—Vasco, "the mad musician," tops this week's bill, and his amazing versatility as an instrumentalist makes his turn increasingly interesting as well as popular. An attractive performance is also given by Kirk and Saraki, the girl aquatic marvels, who, among other accomplishments, play a coach-horn under the water. Gwenie Lewellyn, a little lady with a wonderful voice, assisted by Miss Winter as her pianist, contributes very pleasingly to the musical items on the programme; and Eva Dickson likewise provides an excellent entertainment at the piano. Vere and Neldon are responsible for a lively interlude as a novelty couple; Norman Donald figures successfully as a Scottish humorist; Alexandra and Bertie display their grace and skill in a refined trapeze act entitled "After the Ball"; Renee Ray appears to advantage in a fine series of artistic tableaux; and the athletic girl, Lillia Brett, occupies almost a unique position of eminence as the lady ball-puncher.

THEATRE ROYAL.—M. D., Mr. F. W. Wyndham and Mr. Geo. T. Minshall; A. M., Mr. Wm. Whitehead; Mrs. D. (for Mr. Walter de Frece's vaudeville season), Mr. Firmin Shackleton.—A good holiday programme here has for its leading number the presentation by Mr. R. G. Hunter, for the first time in Edinburgh, of the famous miniature musical play, "Simple Earted Bill," in which Mr. Huntley Wright appears, supported by Miss Florence Wray, Mr. Robert Rendell, Mr. Alex. Keith, and full London company. The piece and the performers prove vastly diverting and supply excellent entertainment. An exceedingly interesting turn is that of Leon and Florence Cody (son and daughter-in-law of the late Col. Cody), who display great dexterity in a sharp-shooting act, full of cleverness and daring. The Seven Ragged Ragtime Gipsy Girls cater characteristically and well for ragtime enthusiasts; Bert Lloyd submits an original burglary sketch which is favourably received; Daisy Stratton wins approval as a comedienne and dancer; and Harry Thurston shows himself "a fellow of infinite jest," while Margaret Doris and her performing dog obtain the cordial approbation of the audience.

Camilla Feo, who is shortly producing a new protean vocal and dancing act, will make her last appearance in her present act next week at the Empress, Brixton.

Miss Ivey Roze, late of Roze and Calvert, wishes it to be known that in future she will work and be known as Roze Calvert.

Mr. T. Harris, the Manager of Hodgkins, Ltd., the well-known chemical cleaning and dyeing specialists, informs us that his firm have just lately been entrusted by Madame Sarah Bernhardt with the cleaning and dyeing of many of her costumes. The distinguished French actress has expressed herself as highly pleased with the perfection and promptness with which the work was executed. The costumes reached Messrs. Hodgkins on Friday night, and were delivered back, completely renovated, to the Coliseum by one o'clock on Saturday.

Two baby lions recently born in Hanneford's Circus and Menagerie were christened at Southampton on Wednesday last by the Mayor of Southampton, Alderman H. Bowyer. Accompanying the Mayor were the Mayoress, Miss Bowyer, and Master Bowyer. Mr. Burns, the advance manager of the circus, welcoming the Mayor, expressed on behalf of the Hanneford family their most sincere thanks to the public for the support given them on their first visit to Great Britain. Speaking of the cubs, he said that it was rather a rare thing for cubs born on tour to live, because the lions often became so enraged by jealousy that they killed their cubs. The Hanneford family were fortunate in being able to save the pair, which they had asked the Mayor to name.

At the suggestion of the Mayoress, it had been decided to name the cubs "Cherbourg" and "Southampton," and, accompanied by considerable merriment and much applause, the Mayor fulfilled his rôle as "minister." After the christening the Mayor, at the request of the Hanneford family, presented Mr. Burns with a handsomely appointed travelling-case, with expressions of their appreciation of the value of his services to the circus. A similar presentation was made to Mrs. Burns in like recognition of her services rendered the circus. Mr. Burns briefly responded, thanking the proprietors of the circus for their kind gifts, and the Mayor for his attendance.

## AMUSEMENTS IN BIRMINGHAM.

THEATRE ROYAL.—P. Theatre Royal (Birmingham), Ltd.; M. D., Messrs. Tom B. Davies and Philip Rodway; G. M., Mr. Philip Rodway; A. M., Mr. P. W. Smith.—A visit is being paid here this week by Miss Horniman's company in the much-discussed play, "Hindle Wakes." The Lancashire dialect story is admirably interpreted with full regard to dramatic possibilities, and good business is being done. The cast includes: Miss Louise Holbrook (Mrs. Hawthorne), Mr. Charles Bibby (Christopher Hawthorne), Miss Muriel Pratt (Fanny Hawthorne), Miss Daisy England (Mrs. Jeffcote), Mr. Herbert Lomas (Nathaniel Jeffcote), Miss Hilda Davies (Ada), Mr. Leonard Maudie (Alan), Mr. Edward Landon (Sir Timothy), and Miss Evelyn Hope (Beatrice Farrar). "Hindle Wakes" is preceded each evening by "A Question of Property." Next week: Mark Blow's company in "Oh, I Say!"

PRINCE OF WALES.—P. Prince of Wales Theatre (Birmingham), Ltd.; M. D., Messrs. Milton Bode and John Hart; A. M., Mr. W. J. Andrews; Mrs. D., Mrs. J. Andrews.—The final week of the Herr Ernst Denhoff Operatic Festival Performance (in English) commenced on Monday evening with an admirable performance of Gluck's "Orpheus." Elaborate preparations have been made for this fortnight of opera. The conductors are Mr. Thomas Beecham and Mr. Schilling-Ziensen. There is an orchestra of 65 performers, a chorus of 100 voices, and a ballet of 24 dancers; whilst among the 35 principal artists are such famous vocalists as Mesdames Agnes Nicholls, Gleeson-White, Caroline Hatchard, Edith Evans, Marie Buena, Maud Santley, Messrs. Walter Hyde, Frederic Austin, Charles Knowles, and Robert Radford. On Tuesday, for the first time in Birmingham, Richard Strauss's "Elektra" was given; and on Wednesday "The Flying Dutchman." "Orpheus" will be repeated on Thursday afternoon, and in the evening Mr. Thos. Beecham will conduct Wagner's "Tristan and Isolde." Debussy's "Pelleas and Melisande" is to be given on Friday, and Strauss's "The Rose Tree" ("Der Rosenkavalier").

ALEXANDRA THEATRE.—P. Mr. Leon Salberg; A. M., Mr. W. T. Guest.—Mr. Derwent Haa Caine presents the dramatized version of his father's well-known story, "The Bonnaman," here this week, and is doing excellent business. He himself plays the part of Jason with well-sustained success, and Miss Dorothy Stephen is very good in her interpretation of the character of Greba. A notable inclusion in the cast is the special engagement of Mr. Norman Partidge, a Birmingham man, to play the part of Alcual Smocks. Next week: "The Queen Mother."

BOULESDALE PALACE.—P. Messrs. Moss Empires, Ltd.; L. Powell's Playhouses, Ltd.; Lucenee; Mr. Morton Powell; A. M., Mr. S. Adenstone.—Mr. Walter Howard's romantic military play is nursing here with success. Mr. John Beamish plays the title-role, and the enthusiasm of the audience is thoroughly aroused during four exciting acts. Miss Florence Cheverton plays the part of Dorine, and amongst notable inclusions in the cast are Mr. Clinton Baddeley and Mr. W. J. Miller.

ASTON THEATRE ROYAL.—L. Mr. Charles Barnard; M. D., Mr. Lewis Chapman.—Twice nightly: A. M., Mr. Newton Cowling's company appear in "The Collier's Lass." Mrs. Kimberley's story is ably interpreted by a strong company, amongst whom are Messrs. David Curtis, Lynwood Roberts, Arthur R. Pringle, Miss Lynn Darlington, and Miss Lalia Stanhope.

EMPIRE.—P. Messrs. Moss Empires; A. M., Mr. W. H. Bebb.—Twice nightly: The Australian entertainer, Albert Whean, provides a first-rate show; James Jewel, in a series of novelties, introduces many spectacular effects; and an interesting box trick is presented by Herbert Brooks. Other attractions include Wright, in a clever juggling act; Hunt and Thomas, in a comedy dialogue, "Father Time"; Irene Millar, comedienne; Baroness D'Astrel and her tenor; and the ever-popular Barrett and Knowles.

GRAND.—P. Messrs. Moss Empires; A. M., Mr. Jas. E. Coward.—Twice nightly: Syd Chaplin causes considerable amusement in Fred Karno's latest creation, "The Hydro," and the spectacular novelties and beauty chorus are quite a feature; a strong programme includes Lily Lena, a comedienne with pretty gowns; Dale and O'Malley, comedians; Alfred H. West, patrol pianist; Nixon Grey, comedian, in the "zig-zag path"; Little Freddie Hackin; and Ethel Thomas.

HIPPODROME.—P. New Hippodrome (Birmingham), Ltd.; M. D., Mr. Ben de Frece; R. M., Mr. H. Hamilton.—Twice nightly: The remarkable film, "The battle of Waterloo," figures as the principal attraction here this week, and is arousing much interest; King and Benson, the popular comedy duo, are very amusing in "The Messenger Boy's Courtship"; Belle Davis and Cracker Jacks appear in Southern pastimes; George D'Albert is a smart light comedian; clever comedy cycling and dancing is provided by the Villions troupe; David Poole is a smart ventriloquist; and Anna Schubert presents a pretty song-scene.

GAITY.—L. Mr. B. Kennedy; A. M., Mr. Walter Bellan.—Twice nightly: Jesse L. Lasky's company appear in a thrilling drama, "Detective Keen"; Johnson and De Vere are smart comedy cyclists; Maud Gray sings well; Norman and Allen are amusing patterers; Charles Chard is a smart comedian; and Tom Gregory a clever specialty artist.

ASTON HIPPODROME.—P. Aston Hippodrome, Ltd.; M. D., Mr. S. T. Newsome; A. M., Mr. T. H. Middleton.—Twice nightly: Tom Edwards, the huntsman ventriloquist, is most amusing; a novelty is provided by Abomah, an African giantess; Ted Karno and company cause much laughter in "Hotel de Quick"; Stewart and Morris are smart comedians; Lily Edwards is a charming comedienne; Two Boyde dance well; Tom Burton is amusing in Yorkshire dialect studies; and Percy Loraine is a clever mimic of animals.

NEW PALACE.—P. Messrs. Moss Empires; A. M., Mr. Geo. Anthony.—Twice nightly: Pictures, and the Zelovas, Georgina Fischer, and Necla Joy.

## "WEX NOT?"

New Playlet, by H. C. M. Harding, Produced at the Alhambra, Glasgow, on Monday, Sept. 15.

The Hostess ..... Miss Sheila O'More

The Guest ..... Mr. B. Golday

The Butler ..... Mr. H. Watson

The Singer ..... Mr. Ernest Leicester

Mr. R. G. Hunter presents this new sketch, which tells of a lady divorced from her husband, who is being assiduously courted by a guest in her house, when a fine singer is heard, singing in the street outside. The lady decides to invite the vocalist indoors, and, of course, he turns out to be the husband of days gone by. In a pretty and touching scene old differences are smoothed over, and the couple see that their happiness is inevitably bound up in each other.

The sketch was exceedingly well acted. Miss Sheila O'More is charming as the Hostess, and rose to the dramatic requirements of the part. Mr. Ernest Leicester brings his ripe experience to bear on the part of the husband with excellent results; Mr. B. Golday is well suited as the disappointed lover; and Mr. H. Watson makes a dignified Butler. The new playlet was well received.

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## SPORTING NOTES.

By SAVALOL.

Well, if I did not tip the Leger winner, and I suppose any ambitious prophet who had ventured to suggest the possibility of Night Hawk winning the race, would, before the event, have been considered ripe for Bedlam, I at least may claim credit for having pointed out the unusual character and complexion of the problem, and the high probability of its sequel confounding all the tenets of orthodoxy. There never has been, and it may be hoped, there never will be, a more monstrous upheaval of public form. Night Hawk in a handicap—the Ayrshire Plate—which was made just before the Leger, was set to receive 21lb. from Bachelor's Wedding, who finished absolutely last at Doncaster! This was perfectly sound handicapping, too, on the book, for within six days of the race Louvois and Roceworthy, whose public running was a pound or so in front of Bachelor's Wedding, had given Night Hawk 15lb. apiece and a licking.

There is an explanation to every phenomenon, the philosophers tell us, and, I suppose, even that amazing St. Leger result is capable of explanation. The only one I can advance, and I venture to hope that future happenings will prove the logic of it, is that Night Hawk is an exceptionally fine stayer, while the rest of the Leger horses are negligible over any distance beyond a mile and a half. The story of the race confirms this view. Night Hawk was not a factor in the struggle until upwards of a mile and a quarter had been covered. Indeed, he was so far in the rear at the mile that Wheatley seriously thought of pulling him up. Soon after that, however, the anointed ones began to crack up. One after the other they went, until Night Hawk found himself with only the half-trained White Magic to beat. This he did in double quick time, going better and better at every stride. If, however, Tasetti had not broken down near the end, the result would have been different. Mr. A. M. Singer made a wonderful bargain when he bought this filly at the sale of the Duke of Devonshire's horses early in the summer. She was pulling over everything when something cracked, and, as a matter of fact, she will never be fit to race again. Mr. Singer, however, who deserves better luck, has an invaluable brood mare.

There is a romantic side to Night Hawk's St. Leger victory, which will doubtless appeal to the superstitious. Mr. Hall Walker, the breeder and owner of Night Hawk, dabbles in astrology, and, it is said, consults the stars when taking nominations for his yearlings. Now it is interesting to note that his colt, Great Sport, who went very near winning the Derby, was not entered for the St. Leger. Most of us deplored this omission after Epsom. What the stars foretold I cannot say, but there it is, Night Hawk was entered for the St. Leger, and Night Hawk won, and what is stranger still, the owner had an idea that he would win weeks before the race, though this idea, or hope, was opposed to common sense on the public and home front of the colt.

If Night Hawk is the great stayer his Doncaster performance suggests, he is certainly not out of the Cesarewitch. The 10lb. penalty raises his weight to 7st. 11lb., or only level weight that of the three-year-old Florist, who is not thought by his connections to be overweighted. A Leger winner weighted like this has a rare chance if he can stay. In the old days, of course, the Leger hero had to carry a fixed weight of not less than 8st. 6lb., which was the burden under which Robert the Devil completed the "double." This condition was abolished some years ago, and the "10lb. extra" substituted. Night Hawk, of course, got into the race with the weight of a moderate three-year-old, and I do not think the 10lb. extra extinguishes his chance.

The Washing Day people gave a direct tip for their horse when they accepted with the broken-down Jackdaw, solely, of course, with the idea of ensuring no disturbance in the weights. Washing Day is one of the few really genuine stayers in the race, and I am convinced that whatever beats him will win. Another very dangerous candidate is the three-year-old Charlton, who has been treated with striking leniency in view of his close second to Junior in the Ebor Handicap, and the even finer public trial he ran when giving Dormant a year and 11lb. he only succumbed by a short head after a strenuous two miles gallop in the Rufford Abbey Plate at Doncaster. They have had some trouble in training this colt on the hard ground at Epsom, but if rain comes in time he can be made a lot better than he was at York and Doncaster. The problem of a good light-weight jockey had been solved by the engagement of the capable north-country apprentice, Ledson. That was a fine selection indeed, and in Charlton and Washing Day we have the Cesarewitch goods at the moment.

SELECTIONS.

At Ayr to-day POCARD should win the Scottish Derby, UKRAINE the Stewards' Plate, DAN RUSSEL the Foal Stakes and ENTER the Hunt Cup. The Ayrshire Handicap on Thursday is expected to furnish consolation for the Leger failure. Agdhoo, whom Maher rides. I shall, however, declare for

SAILAWAY.

who has come on a pound or so since running fourth in the Ebor, and he could not be better handicapped. If ARTICUS runs for the Juvenile Handicap he should win. If he misses it, back him when he does run at the meeting. Whichever Lord Rosebery runs, WRACK or UKRAINE, should win the Caledonian Handicap. On Friday one or two of the Stewards' Cup horses will go for the Gold Cup. Lord Annandale is expected again, but he meets Daly's on 11lb. altered terms, and this pull will I hope, enable Mr. George Edwards's colt to beat him and win. RONALDO may win the Land of Burns Handicap, SANTA BELLA the Carrick Plate, and Sir Broog the Auchincruive Plate.

Yeomouth offers few attractions for punters. KILROY should win the Nelson Plate to-day, and VARVIL the Two-Year-Old Plate, while on Thursday BELLECHAS should take the Gortleston Nursery and Sir CATRINE the Maiden Plate.

At Windsor on Friday, BATH has a chance in the Royal Borough Handicap; ARTHUR may win the Nursery; and BRIDAL SOW the Falstaff Handicap. On Saturday HITCHY KOO may take the Mill House Plate; BEST BOY the Ivor Nursery; and CHINA Cock the September Handicap.

The many friends of R. T. Chinn, novelty cartoonist, will be pleased to hear that he is recovering from his attack of sciatica.

Miss Georgia Bryton, for the present, has given up her music hall engagements to play the part of Arabella in Mr. Geo. Street's "Little Thief." Miss Bryton, who for a number of years has been playing principal comedy parts in America, took up the rôle of Arabella at a moment's notice to oblige her old friend, Mr. Street, and, owing to her great success, has been prevailed upon to remain with the company.

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"The outstanding attraction is Mr. William Berol's 'Menetekel', one of the latest and cleverest forms of thought reading."—*ERA*, SEPT. 10.

"William Berol's 'Menetekel' act left Monday night's house utterly bewildered as to how the tennis ball, apparently absolutely free and yet under control, was made to traverse the vertical drawing-board."—*STAGE*, SEPT. 11.

"It has been said that the public like to be mystified; if that be so, then the entertainment produced by Mr. William Berol should make a widespread appeal. At the King's Theatre last night he presented in 'Menetekel' what appeared to be one of the most mysterious of mysteries: yet his apparatus—a paper-covered drawing-board suspended vertically from the 'flies' and a tennis ball dipped in glutinous ink—looked so simple, and his *modus operandi* was so straightforward and open, that there did not seem to be much room for magic. Indeed, Mr. Berol disclaims any magic, hypnotism, or spiritualism, but the fact remains that the audience could find no satisfactory answer to the question, 'How is it done?' Even the 'Inspecting Committee' that was invited on the stage to examine the board and watch from close range the inky ball, at the command 'Go ahead,' trace words whispered to Mr. Berol in the auditorium, seemed to leave no wiser than when they went on. It was truly a marvellous performance."—*DISPATCH*, SEPT. 9.

"The dominant role at the King's this week seems to be mystery. The chief is taken by 'Menetekel'... There was an entire absence in the stage surroundings of the paraphernalia usually associated with mystification... There is no direct agency apparent, the ball goes on its errand and writes to the request of the audience. The performance was very wonderful, almost 'eerie,' and was followed with interest by a mystified audience."—*NEWS*, SEPT. 9.

"Premier place in a programme of sustained interest and excellent variety at the King's Theatre is filled by Mr. William Berol, who presents a novel mystical entertainment. It is described as 'Menetekel,' the idea having evidently been drawn from the Scriptural story of the handwriting on the wall at Belshazzar's feast. The performance is singularly free from the elaborate apparatus usually employed by mystic experts... The entertainment is completely mystifying. Mr. Berol had a cordial reception from a large house last night."—*SCOTSMAN*, SEPT. 9.

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| 27 ABERDARE, New Th.        | 23 KINGSTON, Empire        |
| Feb. 3 GLASGOW, Palace      | Aug. 4 ALDERSHOT, Hippo.   |
| 10 BRADFORD, Palace         | 11 BRIDLINGTON, Pav.       |
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## THE FUGITIVE.

New Play, in Four Acts, by John Galsworthy. Produced at the Royal Court Theatre, a matinee on Sept. 16.

George Demmond ..... Mr. Claude King  
Clare Demmond ..... Miss Irene Rooke  
General Sir Charles Demmond, K.C.B.

Mr. Nigel Playfair  
Lady Demmond ..... Miss Alma Murray  
Reginald Huntingdon ..... Mr. A. Hylton Allen  
Edward Fullerton ..... Mr. Leslie Rea  
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Twisden ..... Mr. J. H. Roberts  
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Mrs. Miller ..... Mrs. A. B. Tapping  
Porter ..... Mr. Eric Barber  
A Messenger Boy ..... Mr. Walter Cousins  
A Young Man ..... Mr. Vincent Clive  
Arnand ..... Mr. Clarence Derwent

In his new play, produced at the Court Theatre yesterday afternoon, Mr. Galsworthy has presented the picture of an unhappy marriage and its tragic results. George Demmond and his wife Clare are the unhappy couple. The wife cannot live happily with her husband, and there is no definite reason for it. She runs away from home and after an engagement in a draper's shop she becomes the mistress of an author and journalist named Malise. But she brings trouble upon him, and eventually leaves him. Finally, driven by poverty to a desperate course, she enters for the first time a notorious restaurant known as "The Gascony." She is, however, overcome by the horrors of the situation, and commits suicide by taking poison. Such, briefly, is the plot of the play, which greatly impressed the audience, and was undoubtedly a success in spite of an unhappy ending. Miss Irene Rooke greatly distinguished herself in the part of Clare Demmond, and her death scene at the close was a triumph of realism. Mr. Claude King played exceedingly well the part of the unhappy husband. Mr. Milton Rosmer gave a careful and clever study of Malise, who is not the villain he looks; and other male roles were ably embodied by Messrs. Nigel Playfair, Frank Macrae, Hylton Allen, Leslie Rea, J. H. Roberts, Charles Groves, Vincent Clive, and Clarence Derwent. Miss Alma Murray was excellent as Lady Demmond, and praiseworthy support was given by Miss Estelle Winwood and Mrs. A. B. Tapping. At the conclusion there was a call for the author. Mr. Rosmer appeared, and stated that Mr. Galsworthy was not to be found. He thanked the audience for their cordial reception of the play.

## LONDON HIPPODROME.

That good music is keenly enjoyed and appreciated by variety patrons has long been recognized, but if further evidence were needed it was forthcoming on Monday night at the Hippodrome, when the Scala Chorus, making their first appearance in England, were given a reception which was evidently very gratifying to them. A fine body of singers, numbering some eighty voices, the chorists come from the largest opera theatres throughout Italy. The "Soldier's march" from "Faust" was given with fine tone and spirit, and the chorus and finale of Act III. of Verdi's "Ernani" and the chorus of crusaders from "The Lombards" were also excellently rendered. The solo passages in the "Ernani" excerpt were admirably given by Signor Ernesto Coronna, who was vociferously recalled. The selections also included the March chorus from "Tannhäuser." At the conclusion Signor Coronna, with Signor Terraquolo, the choirmaster, Signor Gino Paccetti, the conductor, and the delighted chorists were recalled again and again.

Another novelty in the Hippodrome programme was the farce-comedy, "Hooray!" presented by Olive and Bunyee, and written and produced by W. Hearn and Henry Olive. If not exactly realising its description, "new, brilliant, and witty," the trifling created much merriment, mainly the outcome of the bippant conversation between a young couple who contemplate matrimony. She has consented to marry him, believing that he is an accomplished pianist. To gain her hand—and her fortune also, we gather—he lies, and when the lady declares her intention of coming to hear him play he is momentarily embarrassed. For he knows absolutely nothing about the piano. Then he hits on the idea of bringing in a piano organ, on which, placed behind a screen, the butler is to operate, whilst the supposed executant is seated at the piano. The sign for the butler to "kick-off" is when he hears his master exclaim, "Hooray!" The first time the words work splendidly, the lady professing herself delighted with the beautiful strains—a popular rag-time melody. But disaster occurs when the master again unconsciously says "Hooray," for instead of being seated at the piano he is embracing his alluring companion. However, as he has apparently secured her hand and a goodly portion of her uncle's wealth, no serious results may be anticipated. Olive and Bunyee play the trifle, which has many amusing lines, for all it is worth, and it met with a cordial reception.

The Three Reigals, wonderfully clever acrobats; Dexter, a smart and original caricaturist, who works with both hands; Park's Eton Boys and Girls, in a pleasing vocal entertainment; Tucker, the accomplished and popular singing violinist; Asra, a balancer and billiardist who does many amazing things with cue and billiard balls; Keno and Green, in some remarkably clever dancing; and Stelling and Revelle, gymnasts, are also in the fine programme here.

On Monday evening O'Gust, the French clown, with realistic and humorous imitations, appeared in place of Sandow, the educated pony.

## THE LYRIC, HAMMERSMITH.

On Monday, Sept. 15, the play, entitled "NO MAN'S LAND."

Miss Ida Millais's company is appearing here with great success in the above sensational and realistic drama, of which a river of real water is a feature. Mr. Finn Doyle as Silas Moore displays considerable skill; Mr. Percy Beresford gives a very good account of the villainous character of Mat Marsden; and Dr. Buxton is very cleverly presented by Mr. Leonard Marshall. Mr. Sammy Foster submits a very amusing reading of Solomon Jacobs, and Miss Florence Lucerne portrays Bessie Poole with good result. Miss Ida Millais gives a really clever portrayal of Mrs. Poole, and Miss Hilda Baynton a pleasing and sympathetic rendering of Mary Bathurst. Mr. Henry Herne is very good as Harry Oaklands. Mr. Edward Ryleston in the dual rôle of Captain Norman Bathurst and his brother, Gilbert Bathurst, acts with care and judgment. Mr. Sidney Marriott is a most amusing Thompson Poodle, and Mr. Archie H. Howson does well as Mr. Cross, the auctioneer.

Three new pictures were shown at the Clarendon Trade Matinee, held at the London Pavilion yesterday (Tuesday) afternoon, by the Clarendon Film Co. They were "King Charles" (by Mr. Low Warren), which is the first of a series of new historical films to be released by that firm; "The Convent Gate," the scenario for which was written by the Marchioness Townshend; and "The Gardener's Daughter," which has been adapted from Tennyson's poem.

## BIRTHS, MARRIAGES, &amp; DEATHS.

The charge for inserting in "The Era" an announcement of a Birth, a Marriage, or a Death, or an "In Memoriam" notice, not exceeding twenty-four words, is One Shilling and Sixpence.

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## BIRTHS.

CURZON.—On Sept. 11, 1913, at Avenue-road, Regent's Park, N.W., the wife of Frank Curzon, of a daughter (stillborn).

## MARRIAGES.

ROBBINS-SCHWARTZ.—(Clayton Robbins and Alice May, of the London Opera House).—On the 15th inst., at St. Giles' Registry Office, May Alice Christine, daughter of the late C. J. Schwarz and of Mrs. Irish, of 26, Daleham-gardens, Hampstead, to Clayton Augustus, son of the late Captain A. J. Robbins and of Mrs. Robbins, of Lakeside, N.S. U.S.A.

## SILVER WEDDING.

ELLIOT-CLARKE.—On Sept. 20, 1888, at St. Mary's Church, Cardiff, by the Rev. Arthur Jones, Richard Elliot, to Lucy Clarke, London. Address, 143, Lorraine-mansions, Holloway. This week, New Theatre, Weymouth.

## DEATHS.

LESLIE.—Aug. 20, Leonard Leslie, musical director, aged 40, at the Johannesburg Hospital, after five weeks' painful illness. His end was peaceful. Deeply mourned by his heartbroken wife, Ena Leslie.

## IN MEMORIAM.

COLLINGWOOD.—In loving memory of Lester Collingwood, of the Alexandra Theatre, Birmingham, who died Sept. 19, 1910.

T. W. FORD.—In devoted memory of my father, who passed from this life Sept. 6, 1909. Mary Ford.

T. W. FORD.—In loving memory of my grandfather, Gladys Ford-Hovatt.

LEYBOURNE.—In ever loving memory of my dear husband, George Leybourne, who died Sept. 15, 1894. Never forgotten. Annie Leybourne.

LEYBOURNE.—In loving memory of George Leybourne, who died Sept. 15, 1894, in his 42nd year. Never forgotten by his daughter Florence (Mrs. Albert Chevalier).

TEMPLE.—Sept. 10, 1912. In unending memory of my beloved and faithful husband, Alex. G. Temple, son of the late Dr. Frost, Cardiff. "On the other side of the silence."

## ACTORS' ASSOCIATION.

Minutes of the Council meeting held yesterday at 32, Regent-street, at which were present: Mr. John Mortimer (in the chair), Mr. W. Mose (hon. solicitor), Messrs. Norman Yates, Cyril Cattle, Fred Annerley, Fred James, Murri Moncrieff, C. F. Collings, Miss Judith Kyle, and Duncan Young (secretary).

The Finance Committee's report was read by Mr. Mortimer, and adopted.

Elections: Sara Allgood, Harriet Trench.

Nominations: W. E. Sterling, L. E. Trollope.

Mr. Mortimer tendered his report re the annual dinner, and said that Sir Herbert Tree had expressed his willingness to take the chair on that date, and that he had also reverted to the postponed matinee. The secretary was instructed to thank Sir Herbert for his kindness in consenting to take the chair, and to ask him to be good enough to suggest a date to suit his convenience for the proposed matinee.

The Hon. Solicitor reported on two cases.

## A LADY SHARPSHOOTER.

"I shouldn't like to cross swords with her" was the remark of a young lady after witnessing Miss Alice Carver's exhibition of "marksmanship" at the London Pavilion on Monday evening. The comment would, perhaps, be more truly appropriate had the critic said "exchange shots," for Miss Carver is certainly not out missing anything when once she shoulders the rifle. No matter what the target or how awkward its position, Miss Carver manages to find the bull's-eye without exception, and with an ease which is remarkable. Not only does she rightly pride herself on accuracy of aim, but, moreover, she accomplishes feats of firing, if we may so describe them, in record time.

Few Londoners are not familiar with the interior of the Pavilion. From the front of the first balcony this charming lady sharpshooter demolishes miniature objects placed at the back of the stage, and with such rapidity that the reports of the shots echo into one another. Miss Carver is assisted by two equilibristas, and of its class the "turn" is excellent, and should certainly not be missed by patrons of the "Pav."

## "THE ASPIRATIONS OF ARCHIBALD."

Playlet, by E. Ion Swinley. Produced for the First Time in Vaudeville at the Tivoli on Monday, Sept. 15, 1913.

Archibald ..... Mr. Benedict Butler  
Evangeline ..... Miss Florence Watson  
Nance Pigott ..... Miss Marjorie Theobald  
Mr. Swinley's new playlet is yet another of the many productions of the Arts and Dramatic Club that have arrested the attention of vaudeville managers and have, eventually, been successfully staged on the music halls. "The Aspirations of Archibald," at the Tivoli on Monday, improved even upon the excellent impression it created when produced by the members of the club some few months ago. Mr. Swinley already ranks high among our younger actors, and if this play is to be taken as any indication of his future work as an author, his achievements in this branch of art bid fair to more than equal his success as a player.

Archibald is a hulking loafer who claims an artistic temperament, a claim which leads him to buy a print of "Psyche at the Bath," to dominate his honest tastes in hats, and, moreover, to refuse any honest labour that is offered to him. A strong vein of satire runs throughout the story. Mr. Swinley's withering ridicule of a certain set who call upon Art to excuse their freak ideas and their numerous vices is very effective.

It is not until a plain-speaking neighbour in Nance Pigott gives the lazy bully the whole of her mind that he drops his foolish notions and turns his attentions to the serious realities of life. Miss Marjorie Theobald gives the utmost effect to the part of Nance. She expresses her opinion of Archie with every possible emphasis, whilst never neglecting the numerous touches of comedy that have been supplied in her part. Mr. Benedict Butler acts brilliantly as Archie, and every praise is due to Miss Florence Watson for her interpretation of his meek, spiritless wife.

Mark Melford's autobiography, "Life in a Booth," is announced for publication on Sept. 27.

Before a crowded and highly appreciative audience the Big "A" Features, Ltd., presented on Tuesday morning, at the Coliseum, two films showing Mr. Seymour Hicks in "Sorrow," and Mr. Hicks and Miss Blanche Terris in "David Garrick." Both productions proved to be of the highest merit.

Murfayne and Kitty Corelli sailed last Saturday per R.M.S. Briton to fulfil engagements with the African Theatres Trust, Ltd., and next Saturday Mr. Rufe Naylor will dispatch Alice Raymond and Co. and Zenora for the same tour.

"I Should Worry," Wyllie and Tate's musical extravaganza, is achieving a phenomenal success in the suburbs. Last week all previous records as regards receipts were broken during its visit to the Kilburn Empire.

## THE CODY MATINEE.

The Cody Benefit Matinee, which was held yesterday afternoon at the London Hippodrome, equalled in success any previous performance of a similar character. Every seat was not only paid for, but occupied. The programme was a voluminous production, printed on the finest art paper, enclosed in a beautiful cover of elaborate and effective design, and containing, in addition to the photographs of many of the artists appearing during the afternoon, contributions by several leading artists and writers.

The entertainment itself was a galaxy of talent, and among the well-known artists who kindly offered their assistance were: Miss Violet Vanbrugh, Miss Hilda Trevelyan, Mr. Arthur Bourchier, Mr. James Welch, Miss Gladys Cooper, Mr. W. C. Kelly, Mr. Harry Randall, Chung Ling Soo, conjurer, the Palace Girls, Miss W. Wynne, Miss Ethel Irving, Miss Amy Augarde, Madame Bonita and Mr. Lew Hearn, Miss Lillian Braithwaite and Co. (in "The Odd Woman"), Miss Evelyn D'Alroy, Miss Madge Fabian, Mr. Edmund Gwenn, Mr. G. P. Huntley and Harry Grattan, Miss Maidie Hope, Mr. G. P. Heggie, Mr. Morris Harvey and Miss Dorothy Minto, Mr. Robert Hale, Mr. Lou-Tellegen, Mr. Barry Lupino and Mr. Stanley Lupino, Miss Lillah McCarthy, Mr. Matheson Lang and Miss Hutin Britton, Miss Gertie Miller, Miss Unity More, Mr. Robert Hale, M. Lou-Tellegen, Mr. Barry Harry Tate, Miss Carrie Tubb, Mr. George Tawde and Miss Eva McRoberts, Mr. Vernon Watson and Mr. Fred Payne, Mr. C. H. Workman, Dexter, and Tucker. Several turns staged at the Hippodrome this week also appeared.

During the afternoon General Arbuthnot presented the Aerial League's Medal to Mr. Vivian Cody. This medal was to have been presented to the late Mr. S. F. Cody.

Mention should be made of the perfect arrangements of Mr. Frank Allen, managing director of the Moss Empires, Mr. Fred Travers, the manager of the Hippodrome, and Messrs. Theodore Platau and A. P. de Courville, who organised the entertainment.

On Thursday last Miss Marie Dainton, accompanied by her white pet donkey, "I Should Worry," artistically swathed in red and blue ribbon, attended Earl's Court Exhibition for the purpose of collecting funds on behalf of Colonel Cody's widow. Countess Maschgo kindly lent her aid to Miss Dainton, and operations were commenced in the Welcome Club at luncheon time, and then followed a tour of the grounds. Upon the return of the party to the Club at tea-time, it was found that the collection had proved

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very successful. Miss Dainton had then perforce to leave the Exhibition to fulfil her professional engagements. In the evening Countess Maschgo kindly expressed her desire to "continue the good work," and, provided with a Shetland pony as assistant, succeeded in adding a most acceptable amount to the afternoon's collection.

## PASTORAL PLAYERS IN BIRMINGHAM.

An interesting performance of "A Midsummer Night's Dream," with Mendelssohn's music, was given by the local Operatic Society in the beautiful grounds of Mr. E. H. Jacques, Water Orion, Birmingham, on Friday and Saturday last. The leading parts were undertaken by ladies of the district, and all the members of the company were amateurs.

Commendation should be given to the admirable interpretation of their several parts by Miss Doris Rushworth as Puck, Miss Kathleen Power as Bottom, Mrs. E. H. Jacques as Flute, Miss Norma Phillips as Theseus, and Miss Ida Hargreaves as Egeus. The beautiful singing of Miss Bonnie Phillips, First Fairy, and the entrancing pictures presented by Miss Jessie Owen as Titania, and Miss Dolly Fridmore as Oberon, also call for favourable comment. The Demetrius of Miss Gladys Lilley, the Lysander of Miss Dollie Pratt, the Starveling of Miss Jessie Willday, and the Quince of Miss Lois Lilley were particularly successful.

The orchestra, under the leadership of Mr. H. M. Stevenson, jun., rendered Mendelssohn's beautiful music with great effect, and we would do small justice to the society if we failed to mention that in the person of Mr. Stevenson they have an asset of considerable value. The producers are to be congratulated upon having such excellent weather for their play; the natural beauty of the trees and the moonlit sky greatly added to the general effect.

Altogether a happy and successful effort on the part of the members, and a tribute to the genius of their organiser, Mr. E. H. Jacques.

Will West, the popular humorist, who was with the Red Jacks last season, has been specially engaged by Mr. Harry Tossell for his party, the Popinjay, and will open on Saturday next at Peckham.

Miss Lillian Wesson, who for many years played principal parts in George Edwards' and Seymour Hicks' musical comedies, scored a huge success at the Empire Theatre, Dublin, last week. Possessed of a sweet soprano voice and a delightful stage presence, she soon won her way into the hearts of the audience, who were not slow to show their appreciation of such a cultured vocalist. She has already been re-booked and opens at Glasgow next week—her third visit in twelve months.

## PARS FOR PROS.

Au revoir, but not good-bye, to Marie Lloyd, who sails for America next Wednesday. May the Queen of Comedienne, who will be away for six months, have a pleasant voyage, a good time, and as successful a tour of the States as on her previous visits.

Miss Sharp, the representative of the Music Hall Artists' Railway Association, Tynes Buffet, Newcastle, was, we regret to hear, killed in a motor accident, near Morpeth, on Monday evening.

Mr. Eustace Gray, who is taking holiday after his strenuous work in connection with booking up the autumn and spring tours of the Palladium Minstrels, &c., writes that he is having a good time at Wiesbaden, taking the waters and "all sorts of things."

Mr. Chas. Cohan has made an instantaneous success in London this week, playing at the Empire, Shoreditch, and Bedford, Camden Town. As a single act he has at once made good, and he is naturally very gratified at the hearty appreciation of London audiences on his entertaining interlude.

The annual outing of the Woolwich Hippodrome on Sunday last was marred by an unfortunate accident on the home journey. The party, which included the staff and friends from the Hippodrome, were returning through Catford after a very enjoyable day in the country, when a small trap, in which five of the men were seated, was caught by the back part of a motor-bus, the vehicle being overturned and smashed. Two or three were thrown on to the animal, and escaped with a shaking, but Mr. Sidney Johnson, an attendant at the Hippodrome, was rendered unconscious, and had to be taken to the Lewisham Infirmary suffering from concussion of the brain. Yesterday we learned that his condition had improved.

"Should a Woman Tell?" will be produced for the first time on any stage at the Victoria Palace on Oct. 27 next. The author, the Rev. A. J. Waldron, is well known in theatrical circles, and is a popular cleric. He is an ardent supporter of that dual combination designated Church and Stage, believing that both ought to rank equally in moral mission work. All communications respecting the sketch should be addressed to Mr. Newman Maurice, the popular manager of the Brixton Theatre.

There is a strong company this week at the Palladium. The programme includes such abiding attractions as Miss Ruth Vincent, who sings her sweetest songs alluringly; George Robey—and it is sufficient to merely mention his name; Clarice Mayne and "Thal," personally popular; Whit Cudliffe, dashing and debonair; Ernie Lotings and company in an amusing sketch; Farr and Farland, &c. A packed house testified "in the usual manner" on Monday night their high appreciation of the excellent programme provided.

Miss Nellie Norway, having successfully toured through Kent with her delightful handbell solos, is, this evening, away in the far west—at Newquay—touring with Mr. Bransby Williams in Cornwall. Next month she anticipates journeying to South Africa on an eight weeks' tour in that distant part of our Dominions.

On Saturday last Harry Clio (Clio and Rochelle) concluded his second summer season of fourteen weeks' management of the Grand Hall, Fife, for Mr. Danton.

Mr. Leon Cody, son of Colonel Cody, is this week appearing with his wife at the Edinburgh Royal in a sharpshooting act. Leon had a big reputation as a shot until his father's profession claimed him, and his experience seems undiminished by any lack of practice. Mrs. Cody assists her husband, and is herself neat and clever. Both are getting an excellent reception from audiences at the Royal.

Mr. Louis Meyer has entered into an agreement with Mr. Matheson Lang by which they will be associated in further productions at the Strand Theatre. Mr. Lang will, in addition to appearing in leading rôles, produce the plays and generally control the stage side of the curtain. Mr. Lang was contemplating another tour of the Colonies with his own company in the near future, but this project he has postponed for the present.

## ARTHUR REEVE'S BENEFIT.

The complimentary benefit given on Thursday evening to Mr. Arthur Reeve at the Hall-by-the-Sea, Margate, attracted a very large audience. The Mayor and Mayoress of Margate (Mr. and Mrs. A. Leon Adutt) and Miss Betty Adutt were present. There was a performance at the pretty little circus in the afternoon, with a specially arranged and highly interesting programme, and there were two performances in the evening.

During an interval in the first of the evening performances in the circus, Mr. A. Reeve, entering the ring, said he was pleased to see such a large and representative gathering, for it was very gratifying to know that his catering had been appreciated, and that it had given satisfaction throughout the season. The circus, he went on to say, had been a great success, and both Mr. Reeve and himself regretted to have to part with the circus company as it now stood. Everyone who entered the ring that night was an equestrian artist in every sense of the word, and he could not allow the occasion to pass without referring to his dear friend, Mr. Ohmy. He would now, he said in conclusion, ask the Mayor to present to Mr. Ohmy, on behalf of Mrs. Reeve, himself, and his family, a token of their esteem and respect.

The Mayor, in a few well-chosen words, then handed Mr. Ohmy, on Mr. Reeve's behalf, a handsome gold-mounted umbrella, which was inscribed: "To King Ohmy, as a mark of very great respect from Mr. and Mrs. A. Reeve and family, Sept. 11, 1913." At the last circus performance, the Three Royal Ohmys, the clever equestrians, each presented with a bouquet by Miss Lily Reeve.

## BERNHARDT IN "THEODORA."

For the second week of her season at the Coliseum Mme. Sarah Bernhardt has chosen the third act of Sardou's "Theodora," in which she appeared at the fine Stoll house a couple of seasons since. As the notorious Roman Empress and daughter of a lion-tamer, the distinguished French actress has one of her strongest and most effective parts, and her performance on Monday proved again that she has lost little, if any, of her power, her enactment of a rôle that makes heavy demands upon her emotional energies, being a most impressive and notable one.

M. R. Joubé plays with intensity as Justinian, and M. Deszarberg is excellent as Marcellus. A most enthusiastic reception was given Mme. Sarah Bernhardt at the conclusion.

Miss Flora Cromer, after a long tour of the provinces, returns to London next Monday evening with new songs and business at the Park Empire.

## BIRTHDAYS OF THE WEEK.

We wish the following ladies and gentlemen many happy returns of the day:—

W. A. Armour—Wednesday, Sept. 17.  
Katie Lawrence—Wednesday, Sept. 17.  
Queenie Fraser-Brunner—Wednesday, Sept. 17.  
Arthur Dashwood—Wednesday, Sept. 17.  
S. Major Jones—Wednesday, Sept. 17.  
Madge Temple—Wednesday, Sept. 17.  
Nina Gerrard—Wednesday, Sept. 17.  
Evelyn Millard—Thursday, Sept. 18.  
Harry J. Snelson—Thursday, Sept. 18.  
Charles B. Vaughan—Thursday, Sept. 18.  
Harry Burns—Thursday, Sept. 18.  
Henriquette Maude—Thursday, Sept. 18.  
Harry Birkhead—Thursday, Sept. 18.  
Leslie Ryckroft—Thursday, Sept. 18.  
Nellie Hayes—Friday, Sept. 19.  
George Robey—Friday, Sept. 19.  
Lydia Mannington—Friday, Sept. 19.  
May Dalby—Friday, Sept. 19.  
Dolly Herat—Friday, Sept. 19.  
Mrs. Fred Bulmer—Friday, Sept. 19.  
Henry Arthur Jones—Friday, Sept. 19.  
Josephine Richards—Friday, Sept. 19.  
Hettie Chattell—Saturday, Sept. 20.  
Maggie Duggan—Saturday, Sept. 20.  
Constance Bellamy—Saturday, Sept. 20.  
Harry J. Crane—Saturday, Sept. 20.  
Theima Robinson—Saturday, Sept. 20.  
Arthur Robson—Sunday, Sept. 21.  
Charles Hawtreys—Sunday, Sept. 21.  
Frank Hemmings—Sunday, Sept. 21.  
Val Gully—Sunday, Sept. 21.  
Fred Clarke, jun.—Sunday, Sept. 21.  
Clara Jicks—Monday, Sept. 22.  
Lillah McCarthy—Monday, Sept. 22.  
Dickie Clark—Monday, Sept. 22.  
J. Lyndard Grahame—Monday, Sept. 22.  
Billy Ross—Monday, Sept. 22.  
Gladys Allen—Monday, Sept. 22.  
Dorothy Desmond—Monday, Sept. 22.  
William Archer—Tuesday, Sept. 23.  
Sylvia Morris—Tuesday, Sept. 23.

## AMUSEMENTS IN GLASGOW.

THEATRE ROYAL.—M. Ds. Messrs. F. W. Wyndham and Geo. T. Minshall; A. M. Mr. Harry F. Ashton.—Mr. Cyril Maude and company are giving their farewell performance here prior to their departure for Canada and the United States. Five plays are staged, including a new comedy, entitled "Grumpy," which is to be produced for the first time on Friday. On Monday Mr. Maude appeared as the active Major Bingham in "The Second in Command," his daughter, Miss Marjorie Maude, taking the place of her talented mother, Miss Winifred Emery, with great success. Mr. Maude's selection is happy, and playgoers are renewing their acquaintance with the merry old barge in "Beauty and the Barge," "Tantalizing Tommy," and in cap and gown the chief of a public school in "The Headmaster." The full Playhouse company are with him, and their reception was most cordial.

ROYAL PRINCESS.—P. Mr. Rich. Waldon; A. M. Mr. Hugh Murdoch.—On Monday Mr. Tom H. Taylor's company opened here in "When London Sleeps," and a crowded house were enthusiastic over the favourite drama. Mr. Stephen Crossley is a manly and picturesque David Engleheart; Miss Florence Halton was a charming heroine as Queenie Carruthers. Miss Annie Graham gave the necessary emphasis to the part of Hilda Carrode, and the villainy of Captain Haynes was well expressed by Mr. Henry Lloyd. Mr. Sydney Arthur looked the circus proprietor to the life, and his good-hearted wife was acted with excellent taste by Miss Louise Millward. Mr. Victor Mason made an amusing Sammy, and all the other parts in a lengthy cast were in good hands.

METROPOLE, LTD.—M. D. Mr. Arthur Jefferson; R. M. Mr. Amand Mascard.—This week: An adaptation of Alexandre Dumas' thrilling story, "The Adventures of Count Monte Cristo," is presented by an exceptionally strong cast. Mr. Wilson Coleman's conception of the Count is very convincing, and Miss Mary Pemberton gives charming expression to the character of Mercedes. Mr. Alfred Grenville as Douglas is eminently suited for the part, whilst the rôle of acting. Mr. Roy Fortesque is a brilliant piece of acting. Mr. Albert Lemaire as Abbe Faria plays a difficult rôle with great credit, and Mr. Alex. Wills makes a successful Fernand de Mondego. A strong reading of M. Noritur is presented by Mr. Arnold Winters, and a highly creditable conception of Albert de Morcerf is submitted by Mr. Phil Harper.

COLISEUM.—P. Moss' Empires, Ltd.; R. M. Mr. Gordon Jefferson; Mus. D. Mr. E. H. Matthews.—A welcome return visit of Mr. R. A. Roberts, the renowned protean actor, in his dramatic sketch, "Dick Turpin," is the principal feature of the bill this week. Daley Cooper and Mabel Lait, the well-known comedy pair, maintain their high reputation. Ida Barr is an exceedingly chic comedienne. Another attraction is the appearance of Will Lacey, who combines smart fooling with skilful cycling feats. A neat, novel comedy act is presented by the Two Dollars, while King's College Boys harmonise well in the "Students' Concert." Other turns include Maud Mortimer, an old Glasgow favourite, and Bertha Stuart, the charming Scottish contralto. Animated pictures complete.

ALHAMBRA, LTD.—M. D. Mr. Alfred Butt; M. Mr. Edward Foster; M. D. Mr. Howard Croft.—The star attraction this week is David Devant, whose illusions are wonderful; Cornelia and Eddy in their comic juggling act; the Italian violinist, Irene Penso; Nellie Morton and George Rydon, vocalists; the Eight Boston Boys and Girls, in song and dance; Ray Ford, comedienne, are also in the bill. The new sketch, entitled "Why Not?" is noticed elsewhere.

## THE BOROUGH, STRATFORD.

On Monday, Sept. 15, the play, entitled "READY MONEY."

The axiom that "money gets money" is being forcibly illustrated at the Borough Theatre this week by James Montgomery's clever comedy. Mr. Forbes Russell's company is responsible for its interpretation, and the piece is effectively staged and dressed. Mr. Forbes Russell plays the astute counterfeiter, Jackson Ives, with much aplomb and suavity, and is responsible for an excellent performance. Mr. Eric Bass is a frank and genial Stephen Baird, who is portrayed in just the right vein. Sydney Rosenthal and Sam Welch have excellent representatives in Mr. Reginald Faber and Mr. Claude Carter respectively. Mr. C. O. Leaton plays incisively as James E. Morgan; the Hon. J. H. Tyler is safely entrusted to Mr. Walter Urledge; Mr. Arthur Gibbons is an alert and convincing Captain West; and Hammond is smartly impersonated by Mr. G. A. Dereham. Miss Kitty Crichton makes a very charming Grace Tyler; Miss Evelyn Vandy plays Mrs. Tyler with distinction; Ida Tyler is well portrayed by Miss Elsie Gwynne; and Miss Florence Matthews is satisfactory as Margaret Elliott. "The Horse Thief," by Arthur Gibbon, precedes, the four characters being capably undertaken by Mr. Claude Carter, Mr. George R. Daly, Mr. Billie Keen, and Miss Florence Matthews.

The annual dinner of the Actors' Association will be held at the Hotel Cecil on Sunday, Dec. 14. Sir Herbert Tree will preside.



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Bioscope, Ray Kipinosa, Alice Kendall.

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"The Midnight Wedding."

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